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Censure Motion Against Labour Govt. Withdrawn

Templewood Reacts To Halifax's Appeal

PRIMATE'S PLEA FOR INDO-BRITISH AMITY

But Simon Sees 'Degradation Of Britain' In Transfer Of Power

LONDON, February 26. (Reuter):

Acceding to appeals by Lord Halifax and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Templewood withdrew his motion and there was therefore no vote.

The House of Lords was again filled today for the second day's debate on India.

Yesterday, Lord Templewood had moved "that the decision of the Government to hand over India to an Indian Government or Governments in June 1948 under conditions which appear to be in conflict with previous declarations of the Government on this subject and without any provisions for the protection of minorities or discharge of their other obligations is likely to imperil peace and prosperity of India".

Viscount Simon (Liberal) who resumed the debate to-day said that the granting of self-government to the Boers and Eire had nothing to do with "the terribly difficult problem which faces us all to-day." With South Africa and Eire, they were dealing with homogeneous single peoples. "I think it is a grave mistake to think that we are doing something similar to what was done in those cases," he declared.

Lord Simon said that Government's present announcement did not correspond with previous assurances. What was now proposed was transfer of power in June next year, whether there has been substantial agreement between the Muslims and the Congress or not.

"RIDICULOUS"

Lord Simon continued, "We hope that it may be reached, but you say that this is not a fundamental change of policy. I leave it to the gentlemen of the House to say if it is ridiculous or not."

If some hopeful issue was to be secured during the next 15 months, a fully representative Constituent Assembly had to be got together and that was only the beginning. It had got to continue conferring until it agreed on all substantial matters about the future constitution of India—one of the most complicated tasks in the whole world.

He regretted the notion to spread that the meeting in New Delhi of Caste Hindus and certain representatives, themselves Caste Hindus purporting to speak for the "untouchables", and three or four Sikhs, entirely without the Muslim League, was a meeting of the Constituent Assembly. It was really not so.

One could not provide for the progress of a constitution by fixing dates, as if these things could happen by jerks.

"The nearer you get to the date the greater is the danger of one great political party in India seeking to put itself in the best position against another," Lord Simon said.

Lord Simon thought it unfortunate yesterday that Government speakers were already replying on quotations from the Indian Press. It did not surprise him at all that the first reaction should be favourable but reflection led him to think that it was too early to be sure what the result would be.

"INDIAN BRAINS BEAT YOU"

"It is very dangerous at this state to accept an invitation to be cheerful. You do grave injustice to the intelligence of India if you do not think they have seen the possible consequences of this (Government) announcement on either side long ago. Europeans may, in some way, claim superior qualities but on this question of keenness of intelligence to see what might be got out of the particular announcement, the brains of India will beat you every time.

On maturest reflection, Lord Simon said he did not think that Govern-

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Landmark In World's History

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (Reuter): The Indian Ambassador, Mr. Asaf Ali, praised the wisdom of the statement made yesterday by the Secretary of State, General George Marshall, who urged Hindu and Muslim Leaders to overcome their impasse. Questioned as he left General Marshall's office, the Ambassador declared: "It was a wise statement and I hope it will be conducive to good results."

Mr. Asaf Ali called on the Secretary of State for the first time to arrange for presenting his letters of credence to President Truman. He described his conversation with General Marshall as "Very friendly" and added, "it was a landmark in our history and the history of the world." It is expected that India's first Ambassador will see President Truman within a few days and thereby formally take over his post.

Zhdanov No More President Of Soviet

MOSCOW, Feb. 26, (Reuter): Andrei Zhdanov has been relieved by the Soviet of the Union of his duties as its president on his own request in view of pressure of work connected with his main duties, Tass the official News agency announced last night.

The Soviet of the Union is one of the two Houses of the Supreme Soviet.

NO FRENCH PROTEST TO INDIA

Reports Of Interference With Communications To Indo-China Denied

PARIS, Feb. 26 (Reuter): The French Government has sent no protest to the Indian Government on the subject of reported Indian interference with French communications to Indo-China, a spokesman for the French Foreign Office stated to-day.

An official denial was made of newspaper accounts published to-day which stated that Indian dockers had obstructed French ship refuelling in Indian ports, that French air travel over India would be restricted that delays had been inflicted on "other French communications" and that the situation had become so tense that the sending of the new French Minister to India, M. Henri Roux, had been delayed.

"We officially deny all these rumours," the spokesman said. "There has been no protest made. There has been no delay in India of any of our communications—ships, planes, or otherwise—to Indo-China."

The spokesman said, "The state of our communications with Indo-China has absolutely no relation to the sending of the Minister, M. Henri Roux, to India."

CLASHES AROUND HANOI

Ten Viet Namese nationalists were killed and about the same number captured when French troops in the suburb of Hanoi launched an operation to disengage the "Bridge of Rapids" yesterday, according to a French report. A few French soldiers were killed.

The report added that French troops have occupied a village in the Black River Valley.

DARGENLIEU CONFERS WITH RAMADIER

Admiral Thierry Dargenlieu, the French High Commissioner in Indo-China, conferred this afternoon with M. Paul Ramadier, the French Premier and with M. Francois Billoux, Minister of National Defence.

The Admiral refused to make any statement to the Press following the conferences.

MANILA, Feb. 26 (U.P.A.): The Viet Nam radio to-day broadcast an "urgent appeal" addressed to the Red Cross of all countries of the world for assistance in feeding some 3,000,000 war refugees and protecting them against epidemics.

The broadcast said the International Red Cross already had showed 'generous concern" but the Viet Nam Red Cross still deems it necessary to urgently appeal to the Red Cross of other countries especially India, Burma, Siam and the Philippines.

The broadcast said these countries could assist through the medium of the International Red Cross delegation at Hanoi.

THREE KISANS KILLED IN POLICE FIRING

CALCUTTA, Feb. 26, (A.P.I.): Three Kisans were killed and three others severely injured as a result of police firing on a mob of demonstrators in Thakurgaon town in Dinajpur district, according to a telegram received at the Communist party headquarters here tonight.

It is stated that a large number of peasant demonstrators from adjoining villages marches to Thakurgaon today to protest against last week's police firing at Thumnia (a village under Baliadangi P. S. of the same sub-division) when four persons, including a woman, had been killed and several others injured.

Immediately after today's firing, shops and business establishments in Thakurgaon town were closed.

The firing at Thumania occurred on Feb. 21 last when some villagers had clashed with a police party there engaged in searches in connection with "Tebhaga" (one-third share) movement.

Post-Card's 10-Year Trek In Same Town

MADRAS, Feb. 26 (API).—Ten years and one month was the time taken by a post-card to reach an addressee residing in the same town.

A Madanapalle message received here today says: "A post-card posted on Jan. 2, 1937, by the Tumkur Power and Lighting Office to a Tumkur merchant was delivered to the addressee on Feb. 18, 1947."

Laxmikantam Murder Case

Privy Council Reserves Judgment In Appeal

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Further legal argument was heard by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today at the resumed hearing of the appeal by Thiagaraja Bhagavatar and N. S. Krishnan, well-known film stars in South India, from the judgment of the High Court of Madras dismissing their appeals against their conviction on the charge of conspiracy to murder Laxmikantam, a journalist.

With six other accused the applicants were tried by a jury before the Madras High Court in its Criminal Jurisdiction and sentenced to transportation for life.

They contended under Section 411-A of the Code of Criminal Procedure that the High Court in an appeal in matters of tact was a tribunal of fact and that it was its duty to consider the merits of the case and come to a conclusion of its own facts. They also said that there was no credible or admissible evidence to support the charges made against them.

DEFENCE BY CROWN

Mr. G. O. Slade, K.C., for the Crown (respondent to the appeal) argued that the test to be applied by the High Court on an appeal was whether there was sufficient ground for interfering with the verdict.

The Court's view was that they ought not to upset the jury's verdict if there was material on which it would be based and it did not appear to be unreasonable.

The reasons for the Crown's submission that the appeal should be dismissed, Mr. Slade added, were that the High Court had rightly construed the section and no ground could be shown upon which their decision should be interferred with.

At the conclusion of the legal argument, Lord Thankerton, who presided said that Their Lordships would take time to consider the appeal and judgment was accordingly reserved.

Two Kisan Leaders Externed From Karwar

KARWAR, February 26. (A.P.I.): Mr. Dharma Veer Singh and Mr. N. G. Mhalsekar, Secretaries of the Karwar District Kisan Sangh, have been externed from Karwar District by the sub-divisional magistrate of Karwar under section 46 (3) of the Bombay District Police Act. Mr. Singh has been ordered to remove himself to Baindur in South Kanara and Mr. Mhalsekar to Hubli within seven days.

The two Kisan leaders, the magistrate held, were inciting Kisans to commit offences involving violence, advising tenants to withhold rents, and organising a Kisan army to fight the Government and the landholders.

PRAKASAM DENIES PRESS REPORTS

'Never Urged To Face Legislature Congress Party On Issue Of No-Confidence'

MADRAS, February 26. (A.P.I.): Mr. T. Prakasam, Prime Minister, who returned to Madras this morning from his tour of Andhra districts, categorically denied the report appearing in a local daily to the effect that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru have addressed letters to him "urging him to face the Madras Legislature Congress party straight on the issue of no-confidence".

Mr. Prakasam said "no such term has been dictated to me by either of them. I know what to do and what to say. I can at least quote one sentence from Sardar Patel's letter which is to the effect that "I have been too seasoned a politician to need any advice".

Mr. Prakasam added "this I am stating with a view to prevent press speculation".

NADAR'S "NO" TO PRAKASAM

MADRAS, Feb. 26 (API).—Mr. K. Kamaraja Nadar, President of the Tamilnad Congress Committee, has declined to be a member of the Committee appointed by Mr. T. Prakasam, leader of the Madras Congress Legislature party, to investigate the existence of groups within the party working to the detriment of the party interests.

SHANKAR RAO DEO ON HIS MADRAS MISSION

MADRAS, February 26 (API).—Mr. Shankar Rao Deo, General Secretary of the All-India Congress Committee, arrived in Madras this evening from Delhi by plane.

To the A.P.I. representative who met him at the Hindi Prachar Sabha soon after his arrival, Mr. Shankerrao Deo said that the object of his visit was "too well-known", "I have come here to watch the proceedings of the Congress Legislature party in the next two days. I have come here in my capacity as the General Secretary of the A.I.C.C.", he added.

Asked whether he had any directive from the High Command Mr. Shanker Rao broadly smiled and said, "I am sure I cannot enlighten you more on the subject."

Mr. Shankerrao Deo has programmed to return to Delhi on March 1.

INDIA ISSUE IN CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

Speaker Rules Out Debate: "Govt. Not Concerned"

OTTAWA, Feb. 26 (Reuter): The Progressive Conservative member from Toronto Mr. T. Church tried last night to get the Canadian House of Commons to discuss British policy in India and the Suez Canal region, but the speaker ruled that while it was "a very serious question" the Canadian Government was not directly concerned and he failed to see sufficient urgency to warrant a special debate.

Mr. Church said he wanted to urge a conference on the subject with Australia and New Zealand.

The Speaker indicated that Mr. Church could discuss the matter later in the adjourned debate on the speech from the Throne.

BELGIAN POLICE MACHINE-GUN RIOTERS

BRUSSELS, Feb. 26. (A.P.A.): A large number of persons were killed or injured today when the Belgian police opened machine-gun and rifle fire on a crowd of more than 50,000 demonstrating in front of the House of Parliament. Most of the shots were fired over the heads of rioters but some persons fell in the streets, apparently hit.

Leaguers Call Off Punjab C. D.

Top-Ranking Leaders And 1,500 Prisoners Released

Ban On Meetings Goes But No Processions Allowed

LAHORE, February 26. (A.P.I.): The compromise between the Punjab Government and the Muslim League in connection with the 24-day old agitation in the Punjab is announced at noon today.

The President of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League has called the Muslim League civil disobedience movement off in view of the Punjab Government's assurances.

The Punjab Government are accordingly proceeding with the release of all prisoners detained under trial or convicted in connection with the movement other than those accused or convicted of offences under section 325 or of more serious offences against the person under the Indian Penal Code.

THE TERMS

The following are the terms of the compromise:—

1. The ban on public meetings is removed.
2. To bring forward such legislation as may be considered necessary to preserve peace and public order in place of the present Punjab Public Safety Ordinance.
3. The release of all prisoners detained under trial or convicted in connection with the movement other than those accused or convicted of offences under section 325 or of more serious offences against the person under the Indian Penal Code.
4. The ban on processions to continue.

JAIL DELIVERY

As a sequel to the compromise arrived at between the Punjab Government and the Muslim League, the Government passed orders for the release of the civil disobedience prisoners numbering about 1,500.

Telephone enquiries made at the Kasur Sub-Jail show that all the top-ranking leaders including Mamdot, President of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League, Malik Firozekhan Noon, Sardar Shaukat Hyat Khan, Mian Mumtaz Daultana and Mian Iftikharuddin, were released from the jail this afternoon.

Arrangements are being made to accord them a rousing reception on their arrival in Lahore.

It is expected that all League prisoners will be released from various jails in the Punjab by this evening.

TIWANA'S STATEMENT

Malik Sir Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana has issued the following statement on the compromise with the Muslim League:

"The Punjab Government have been accused of restricting the political activities of their opponents and of using the Punjab Public Safety Ordinance, 1946, in order to keep their opponents out of the way during the budget session.

"It has never been the intention of my colleagues and myself to restrict political activities to an extent not justified by the communal situation and we are particularly anxious that the opposition should be given the fullest opportunity of taking part in the deliberations of the House in a week's time. Moreover, the announcement made by His Majesty's Government on 20th February created an entirely new situation in which the leaders of all parties and communities must be in a position to confer with one another and to decide how the Punjab should face the future.

Keeping in view these objects and also our responsibility to members of all communities for the maintenance of public order we have decided to go as far as we can to make it possible for the Opposition to resume constitutional methods.

BAN ON PROCESSIONS TO STAY

We cannot safely remove all measures which might be interpreted as restrictive. For example we cannot relax the restrictions on military drill or on the carrying of arms. We have carefully considered permitting processions where they are now prohibited and have come to the conclusion that for the present the prohibition must be maintained unless the District Magistrate considers it no longer necessary.

But we have decided to permit meetings in all places where they are now prohibited.

It will be open to District Magis-

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90 Socialists To Be Released

LAHORE, Feb. 26 (API).—The Associated Press of India understands that the Punjab Government have decided to release all the political prisoners in the Punjab except those arrested or convicted for committing violence.

Among the prisoners to whom the general amnesty is being granted are about 90 Congress Socialists arrested under the Punjab Public Safety Ordinance during Mr. Jaiprakash Narain's recent tour of the Punjab. Besides them members of the Rashtriya Sewak Sangh and the Harse Chhina Canal Morcha prisoners are also being released.

Towards Settlement In Frontier Too

PESHAWAR, Feb. 26 (API).—A settlement between the Frontier Government and the Provincial Muslim League is likely following a conference of the Frontier Governor, Sir Olaf Caroe, Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar, Member for Communications, in the Interim Government and Premier Dr. Khan Sahib at the Government House this afternoon.

The Conference which took place after Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar had met some of the League leaders in the Peshawar Jail this morning, lasted for about an hour and a half.

Both Dr. Khan Sahib and Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar met the pressmen with a smile as they came out of the conference room.

Dr. Khan Sahib said: "We had a friendly talk."

Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar told the A.P.I.: "We discussed the terms for a friendly settlement."

29 PROCESSIONISTS ARRESTED

PESHAWAR, Feb. 26 (API).—The police took into custody 29 Muslims today for leading a procession in the city. The procession which paraded the important centres of the city was later dispersed by the police.

Eight Muslim League workers were arrested in Mardan this morning on the charge of leading a procession in defiance of the Government ban.

According to a report received here a small procession carrying mock funeral of the Frontier Premier was taken out in Hangu in Kohat district.

THREE LEAGUE M.L.A.'S ARRESTED

Three Muslim League M.L.A.'s, including the ex-Speaker of the Frontier Assembly Sardar Bahadur Khan, were among the 29 persons arrested at Mansehra and Abbotabad last night under the Frontier Crime Regulations. The other two M.L.A.'s arrested are Khan Jalaluddin Khan and Captain Zain Mohd Khan.

Relief To Suburban Railway Travellers

No Increase In Fares For Tickets Below Eight Annas

NEW DELHI, February 26. (A.P.I.): The Railway Member announced in the Assembly today that the increase of 6-1/4 per cent in passenger fare will not apply to fares below eight annas including those of season tickets between points where a single journey fare is below eight annas. The Railway Member said that this concession would cost 85 lakhs and that was as far as Government felt they could go in meeting the demand for reducing the proposed increase in fares.

Dr. Matthai made this announcement on a cut motion moved by Sardar Mangal Singh.

The Railway Member, Dr. John Matthai in the Assembly today visualised an increase in Railway travel in India irrespective of the purchasing power in the country and said that the transport requirement of the country had to be planned on the basis of this potential expansion of traffic.

EMERGENCY RESERVE OF WAGONS

During the debate Mr. Martin, moving his cut motion, suggested that there should be an emergency reserve of wagons to meet the trade and industry. There was an increase of 17-1/2 per cent in our wagons in 1945 compared to 1939 but even then the situation was difficult.

SHORTAGE OF COAL

Mr. P. B. Gole said that several glass factories in the Bombay province had to close down because they could not get coal. He said it was high time that the disorganisation caused by the war was set right and the administration acted with imagination.

POOLING OF WAGONS

Dr. John Matthai, Railway Member, replying to the debate, said it would be very difficult to have a strategic pooling of wagons to meet an emergency as was suggested by Mr. Martin. Today, Dr. Matthai said, we had a food crisis, coal crisis, match crisis and half a dozen other emergencies at the same time and it would not be easy to organise an emergency reserve.

CO-ORDINATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT

Dr. Matthai reiterated that it was not Government's intention to prevent the expansion of road transport but emphasised that in such an important activity as transport, there should be co-ordination.

Dr. Matthai assured the house that the Railway Board was fully sized of the difficulties in regard to coal transport and the Administration would do everything possible to relieve the situation. What the administration required was not imagination as was pointed out but the straw to make bricks.

Mr. Martin withdrew his cut motion.

Mr. Hirtzel (European Group) moved and withdrew after discussion a cut to discuss the depreciation fund in relation to the whole question of Railway Reserves and the Railway Separation Convention. Khan Mohd. Yamin Khan and Sir Cowasji Jehangir spoke on the motion.

NO INCREASE IN FARES BELOW 8 ANNAS

Sardar Mangal Singh moved and withdrew after discussion a cut motion on the increase of Railway Fares Below Re. 1.

Sardar Mangal Singh said that even the Railway Member of the last

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Kher Pulls Up Officialdom

Says, Red Tapism Must Change And Govt. Servants Must Realise Changing Times

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Feb. 26.

"Red Tapism must change" says Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister in a confidential circular letter to all the Ministers and departmental Secretaries.

In this connection it is reliably learnt that recently a registered medical practitioner who has nearly thirty years of experience, commands good practice, and is highly respected offered to the Government of Bombay his services in an honorary capacity without any expectation for one year.

Strangely enough his services were rejected by the Department on the ground that he does not possess registrable qualifications. I understand that this case was brought to the notice of the Prime Minister. No wonder that Mr. B. G. Kher was annoyed with the discourteous treatment that was given to this highly respected doctor and has immediately brought this fact to the notice of the Secretaries of the Departments of the Government of Bombay. The Department had treated the offer of the doctor as a "Petition". Mr. Kher has taken objection to this word also and has taken to task the official concerned with the remarks that "he should understand that a respected medical practitioner who has been serving the country for 30 years ought to be treated more politely. The General Department must have more sense", and he has further expressed his desire that departmental secretaries must learn to deal more sensibly with members of the public.

MR. KHER SAYS: "THIS IS A TYPICAL CASE OF HOW GOVERNMENT MACHINERY IS UNABLE TO REALISE THE CHANGE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE COUNTRY", AND EXPRESSES KEEN DESIRE THAT "ALL THIS RED TAPISM MUST CHANGE."

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NEW YORK, Feb. 26.

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General Motors 60-1/4.
United States Steel Common 74-1/4.
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Latest Bazar Quotations

BOMBAY, Feb. 26. 9 P.M.

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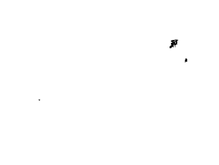
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CHEMBUR MERCHANT ARRESTED

Alleged Contravention Of Food Rationing Rules

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

About three hundred guests who were enjoying Biryani, Chicken Patties and Mutton Curry on Sunday at Motibaug, Chembur were disturbed by the sudden appearance of the Police who surrounded them and began to count the number of those present at the feast.

The feast, it is alleged, was given by Mr. Sarafali Abdul Hussein Saterwala, a general merchant and owner of a thread factory at Chembur.

The police being apprised of the fact, Superintendent R. K. Hampton of the Bombay C. I. D. Crime Branch II, accompanied by a dozen police officers and constables raided the place and arrested Mr. Sarafali for alleged contravention of the Food Rationing Rules prohibiting serving of food to more than 25 persons. He was subsequently bailed out by the Police. The feast was given to celebrate the "Mishaq" and "Khatna" ceremonies of his son and daughter, respectively.

Mr. Sarafali was placed before Rao Saheb Sonavne at the Kurla Police Court on Monday where his bail period was extended for a fortnight.

TWO MORE ARRESTS IN CORPORATOR MURDER CASE

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Two more persons, Vithalram and Dhaku Vithoba were arrested yesterday by Inspector Paranjape of the Bombay C.I.D. in connection with the murder of Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar, a Bombay Municipal Corporator.

It appears on January 8 Mr. Deorukhkar had gone to the K. E. M. Hospital to see his dying friend Mr. Laud, a physical instructor in the R. M. Bhat High School. While he was returning from there, according to the Police, the suspects rushed at him and knocked him down unconscious with stab wounds. On admission into Hospital Deorukhkar succumbed to his injuries.

The arrested persons were ordered to be remanded in custody at the Esplanade Police Court today.

INDIAN TRADE MISSION AT BASRA

BAGDAD, February 26 (Reuter): An Indian Trade Mission of six members to negotiate trade and barter agreements has arrived in Basra.

The Mission is expected in Bagdad next week.

INVITATION HOCKEY

SEMI-FINAL MATCH DRAWN

Kalyanmal's Disappointing Display

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

DELHI INDEPENDENT .. 2
KALYANMAL .. 2

Only a disputable last minute goal by their centre-forward Santooram saved the holders of the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament from making the exit from this year's invitation Hockey Tournament. On the run of play, the Delhi side deserved their victory. They played as a team and made most use of their chances. Jamshed who got his goals, both as the result of excellent reversed flicks, was easily the best marksman, while left out Bayum had speed as well as ball control far in excess of any other player in the same position seen in Bombay this season.

The others to stand out this evening were left backs Gentle and Akhtar Hussein of the respective sides each effected a first time clearance that saved many nasty situations.

The game started with left-out Champalal scoring for the Kalyanmal side within four minutes of the opening. After being down by one goal for almost twenty minutes the Delhi side scored its first success through Jamshed who beat Nanneylal all ends up. The same forward got the second goal of his side in an almost identical manner and when barely a couple of minutes were left it appeared as if the result was beyond question. But Santooram collected a pass from a long corner and shot the ball in from what appeared to be outside the ring. This is the second instance in this tournament that a goal shot from outside the circle has been awarded.

THE TEAMS

DELHI INDEPENDENT:—Muneer; Niaz Khan and Gentle; Qadir, Nabi and Mehtab; Tagi, Aziz, Jamshed, Mansur and Bayum.

KALYANMAL: — Nanneylal; Rajana and Akhtar Hussein; Dadu Ram; Durga Prasad and Rozario; Gendalal, Zahoor, Santoo Ram, Masud and Champalal.

REFEREES:—Messrs. Scott and Rozario.

THURSDAY'S MATCHES: At 4-15 p.m. Kalyanmal vs. Delhi Independent (Replay).

At 5-30 p.m. Brothers Club vs. Bangalore Blues.

England's Team For Final Test

SYDNEY, Feb. 26 (Reuter): England's team for the fifth and final cricket test beginning here on Friday will be chosen from the following twelve.

Hammond, Compton, Edrich, Yardley, Ikin, Smith, Bedser, Evans, Washbrook, Hutton, Wright and Fishlock. It is officially announced that it is impossible to state yet whether Hammond will be fit by Friday. His fibrositis is slightly improved and he will play if well. Langridge and Hardstaff both are unfit.

HAMMOND FIT TO PLAY IN TEST

SYDNEY, Feb. 26, (Reuter): Hammond still hopes to be fit to make another Test appearance, probably the last of his great career. He was playing squash again today. If Hammond plays, it is expected that Fishlock will be the twelfth man. Smith should strengthen the bowling and deserves a place on the form against New South Wales.

GIBB IN HOSPITAL

Gibb is in hospital having had a small growth on the forehead. It was not considered serious.

U. P. HOCKEY TEAM FOR BOMBAY

LUCKNOW, Feb. 26 (API.) The U. P. team fhich leaves for Bombay on March 4 to take part in the National Hockey Championships of India will be composed of the following 16 players:—

Arshad, Abid, Siddique, Ravideo, Sharma, Babu, Brown, Hussain Allrashadmanna, Mannu, Idris, Yasin Moin, Ram Krishna and Pandey.

Mr. Mustafa of Allahabad who accompanies the team as its manager will select the captain of the team on arrival in Bombay.

C. C. I. TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The C.C.I. open Tennis championships will commence on Sunday (2nd March.) A number of notable entries have been received headed by Sumant Misra—the National Champion and present India's No. 1—Narendra Nath, Man Mohan, Prem Pandi and Afsur Hussein and amongst the ladies, Mrs. K. Singh, Miss L. Woodbridge and Mrs. S. E. Mody.

The Committee have permitted competitors to practice on the C.C.I. Courts as from the evening of Friday 28th February.

U. S. TERMS FOR TRADE PACTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter): President Truman to-day issued an executive order making procedural changes in the reciprocal trade agreement programme, one of which provides for clauses in future trade agreements to protect domestic producers.

President Truman ordered that all future trade agreement should contain a clause providing that a concession granted by the United States on any article in the agreement can be withdrawn in whole or in part or be modified to prevent injury to domestic producers of a line or similar articles

The United States Tariff Commission is empowered to investigate a potential threat firstly on the President's request, secondly on its own motion, thirdly on the application of any interested party.

The President also ordered the establishment of an Inter-Departmental Committee on Trade Agreements to act as an agency through which he will seek information and advice before concluding any trade agreements.

THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY AND NOT A PROSPECTUS.

A copy of the complete Prospectus has been filed for Registration with the Assistant Registrar of Joint-Stock Companies, Madras.

An application will be made in due course to the MADRAS STOCK EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED. MADRAS, for listing the Company's Shares.

The Sankar Foundry and Machinery Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL Rs. 25,00,000

Divided into 15,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100 each and 10,000 5½% Tax-free Cumulative Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each.

THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of the Company make the following provisions in regard to the Preference Shares:—

"The Preference Shares shall confer the right to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 5½% per annum, (British Indian tax-free) on the capital for the time being paid-up thereon and the right in a winding up to payment of capital and arrears of dividend whether earned declared or not, upto the commencement of the winding-up in priority to the ordinary shares but shall not confer any further right to participate in the profits or assets."

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Rs. 20 on application and Rs. 20 on allotment per share. Preference and/or Ordinary, and the balance in calls of not more than Rs. 20 per call at intervals of not less than one month between calls.

OF THE ABOVE ISSUED CAPITAL the signatories to the Memorandum of Association have subscribed for:		Rs.
1,826 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100 each	.....	1,82,600
325 Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each	.....	32,500
		2,15,100
and applications have been received from the friends of the promoters for:		
499 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100 each	.....	49,900
	Total ..	2,65,000

and this will be allotted in full.

The balance of the Issued Capital consisting of:		Rs
1,175 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100 each	.....	1,17,500
1,175 Preference Shares of Rs. 100 each	.....	1,17,500
	Total ..	2,35,000

only is now offered to the public.

The Subscription List will open at 11 a.m. on 25th February, 1947 and will close so soon as it is estimated that approximately applications for the amount now issued are received and in any case not later than 4th March, 1947.

DIRECTORS:

1. K. V. SUBBARAO, Esq., B. Sc. (Eng.), A.M.I.E.E., A.M.I.E, Chairman; Mg. Director: The Mechelec Engineering Co., Ltd., Mg. Partner: Messrs. K. V. Subbarao & Co.; Director & Managing Partner of Managing Agents: The Mechlec Nutriments & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., The Kirlampudi Sugar Mills Ltd., The Madras Vanaspati Ltd.; Chairman: The Tirukollur Oil Mills Ltd., Director: The Mysore Abrasives Ltd., The Andhra Insurance Co., Ltd. The Gudivada Electric Supply Corpn., Ltd., The Udipi Electric Supply Corpn., Ltd., etc., 99-A, Armenian St., Madras—1.
2. R. K. N. GAJAPATHI RAJU, Esq., Managing Director: The Andhra Engineering Co., Ltd.; Director; The Andhra Cement Co., Ltd., The Vizagapatam Electric Supply Corpn., Ltd., The Anakapalle Electric Supply Corpn., Ltd., East Coast Ceramics Ltd., Bezwada, (Kistna Dt.).
3. P. PARTHASARADHI NAIDU, Esq., Managing Director: The Andhra Insurance Co., Ltd.; Director: The Andhra Bank, Ltd., MASULIPATAM, (Kistna Dt.).
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10. D. S. PRACASA RAO, Esq., B.Sc. (Eng.), A.M.I.E., Managing Director: S. K. S. Ltd., Fergo Agencies, Ltd.; Director: Arcot Agencies, Ltd., (Ex-officio) 17-A, Armenian Street, G. T., Madras.
11. P. R. SUBRAHMANYAM, Esq., M.A., Stock, Share & Finance Broker, 61, Stock Exchange Building, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

MANAGING AGENTS:
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AUDITORS:
Messrs. SASTRI & SHAH, Incorporated Accountants, Armenian Street, MADRAS-1.

BROKERS:
Messrs. SOMAYAJULU & COMPANY, Stock & Share Brokers, Members: The Madras Stock Exchange Association Ltd., 336, Thambu Chetty Street, MADRAS 1.

CONSULTING INDUSTRIAL CHEMIST:
L. GOPALARAO, Esq., B. Sc. (Hons.), Consulting & Chemical Engineer, Kamani Cottage, Andheri, (Bombay).

SITUATION OF THE WORKSHOPS:
BEZWADA, (Kistna Dt.).

REGISTERED OFFICE:
17-A, Armenian Street, G. T., Madras.

1. OBJECT OF THE COMPANY

The Company has been formed for the purpose of carrying on all or any of the objects set out in the Memorandum of Association and in particular to carry on the business of manufacture and sale of industrial machinery and spare parts for the same.

2. IMPORTANCE OF MACHINERY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

The rapid industrialisation of the country by large, medium and small-scale industries is engaging the attention of not only the national Government but also a wide section of the people. The immediate problem that faces the country is that of arranging the necessary machinery. Western countries are unable to cater to any appreciable extent the growing Indian demands of capital goods owing to heavy pressure of orders from all over the world, particularly from those countries which require the immediate rehabilitation of their war devastated industry.

India has the necessary mechanical workshops and the skill to a certain extent, and if these workshops are co-ordinated with technical and designing knowledge, a substantial portion of the requirements of the capital goods can be manufactured within the country. Machinery manufacturing industry is therefore the pressing need of the country to-day; and it has abundant scope for development. It is to fill this long-left gap, that this Company is started at the most opportune time.

3. EXISTING WORKSHOPS AT BEZWADA

This Company is fortunate in having been able to take over the long-established and two well-equipped Sankar Foundry Workshops situated at Bezwada, the well-known industrial centre in the Circars in South India.

The City workshop was founded in 1915 and since then has been supplying high quality expeller spare parts in the area and to-day Sankar Foundry spares are well-known to most expeller factories. By the careful management and reliable and efficient service rendered by the Proprietors, this workshop established an enviable reputation all over South India and Hyderabad. As their workshop could not meet the very large demands from the consuming public, a further large-sized workshop was established by the Proprietors in a suburb of Bezwada at Durgapuram. It may be of interest to note the turnovers and profits made as per income-tax records by these workshops during the last three years.

	Turnover Rs.	Profits Rs.
1942-43	1,52,621 7 5	35,932 0 0
1943-44	2,30,384 11 9	49,812 0 0
1944-45	2,35,182 14 10	55,882 0 0

The workshops have recently been valued by Mr. K. Y. Srinivasan, B.Sc. (Eng.), and the value fixed was Rs. 2,50,000. The Promoters have been able to secure the two workshops, lands and buildings, and goodwill at a value of Rs. 2,00,000 only under the registered sale-deed dated 5-7-1946. The workshops have been taken over by the Company on 5-7-1946 and since then they are working at full swing. The Managing Agents have pleasure to mention that from 5-7-1946, when the Workshops were taken possession of by the company, the business upto 5-1-1947 has yielded a profit of nearly Rs. 24,800.

4. TECHNICAL EXPERTS

A number of skilled personnel are already on the staff of the Company. Mr. L. Gopal Rao, the well-known Industrial Chemist of Bombay is the Consulting Chemical Engineer of the Company and his valuable advice and guidance will be of immense benefit for the development of the manufacture of industrial plants. Mr. D. S. Pracasa Rao, B.Sc. (Eng.), A.M.I.E.E., of the Managing Agency Firm is an expert Electrical and Mechanical Engineer with a vast experience in the design and operation of industrial machinery and the Company is fortunate that his technical experience and knowledge will be available without any extra cost.

5. PROGRAMME OF MANUFACTURE

In addition to the present business of large-scale manufacture of varieties of spare parts for the needs of the industry in South India, it is proposed to manufacture on a large-scale equipment and implements for small scale industry and agriculture, pilot plants for research and industrial plants for industries, such as pharmaceutical, sugar, refined oil, vegetable ghee, etc. The Company is well-equipped with the designing department.

6. PLANT AND MACHINERY

The running workshops taken over are well-equipped. Sundry machinery required for the large-scale programme of manufacture is being arranged.

7. FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

The existing spare parts business of the workshops gives a turnover of Rs. 2,00,000 and the usual net profit of Rs. 50,000. With the programme of industrial equipment estimates have been made by experts that the turnover will be gradually increased within 5 years from about Rs. 5,00,000 to about Rs. 20,00,000. As is well-known, machinery manufacturing industry could safely reckon a nett margin of 20%. Based on these estimates, the Directors feel confident that very attractive dividends are possible on the Ordinary Shares.

8. MANAGEMENT

Messrs. S. K. S. Limited are appointed as the Managing Agents for the Company for a period of 20 years. They will be entitled to the following remuneration from the date of commencement of business of the Company:—

(1) An office allowance of Rs. 750 per mensem.
(2) A remuneration of 10% on the net profits of the Company.

The Board consists of very influential businessmen and industrialists and the Company will have the benefit of their valuable guidance and advice.

9. DIRECTOR'S QUALIFICATION

The qualification of a Director other than Ex-officio Director shall be holding of shares in the Company of aggregate nominal value of Rupees Two Thousand and five hundred.

10. BROKERAGE

Brokerage at the rate of Re. 1/- for each share of Rs. 100/- Ordinary or Preference, will be paid to the recognised Bankers and Brokers in respect of applications received through them bearing their rubber-stamp on the basis of shares actually allotted thereon.

11. APPLICATION FOR SHARES

Copies of prospectus and forms of application for shares are available with and may be obtained from the Brokers, Bankers or the Registered Office of the Company, and application for shares should be made on the form accompanying the prospectus or in a form similar to the same and forwarded to any of the above, and in the case of Bankers to any of their offices in India.

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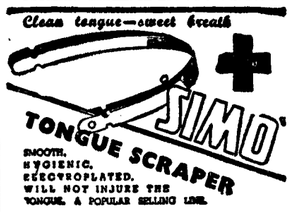
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Sunrise: 7-0 a.m. Sunset: 6-44 p.m.
Hightide: 03-29. 16-36. Lowtide: 09-56, 22-06.

Domestic Occurrence

UTHAMNA CEREMONY

Sheth Dharamdas Tribhovandas Vurjevandas died Wednesday 26th Feb. 4-40 a.m. (S.T.) Uthamna Ceremony will be performed on Thursday 27th Feb. 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) at his residence Sheth Mulji Jetha Building Mahaluxmi.

Today's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURORS: Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public notifications Column.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS: Mr. G. P. Dandekar of Bombay Municipality on "Building Byelaws" today at 6 p.m. at Institute's Office (Sohrab F. Bharoocha Architectural Library). Mr. H. N. Dallas will preside.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and Councillors of Ward No. 18, (Prabhadevi-Worli) will meet near junction of DeLisle Road and Gokhale Road tomorrow (Friday) at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) to go round the Ward. Residents who have any difficulties to bring to light are invited to be present at appointed place and time.

KARNATAK DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE OF LOCAL BODIES: Under the auspices of the Local Self-Government Institute and with the co-operation of the Hubli Borough Municipality, Karnatak Divisional Conference of Local Bodies will be held at Hubli in the Hubli Municipal Hall, on Saturday, March 1 at 4 p.m. and Sunday March 2 at 1 p.m. Shriyut S. K. Patil, President, Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, will preside.

GODREJ ENTERTAINMENT CIRCLE: On Saturday last the above Circle gave its first show at Damodar Hall, Parel, Bombay, between 2-30 p.m. and 5-30 p.m. The programme consisted of (1) acrobatics, (2) music. (3) scenes from Punya-Prabhav, the well-known Marathi Play and (4) a Gujrati Farce.

KERALA MAHILA SAMAJ: The half yearly general body meeting of the Kerala Mahila Samaj will be held at Khalsa College, today (Thursday) at 5-15 p.m. Miss V. Saraswathiamma will preside.

MANDVI TENANTS MEETING: Under the auspices of Mandvi (B Ward) Dist. Bhadut Sangh today (Thursday) at 8-30 p.m. at Dariasthan Lohana Mahajanwadi to protest against Rent Increase Bill to be introduced by Bombay Government.

MAZDAZNAN: Mrs. Mehera R. Dhalla will speak today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Alexandra Girls School, Waudby Road, on "Thoughts, their forms and colours".

A.I.R.: Mr. S. R. Kanthi, Parliamentary Secretary to the Finance Minister, Government of Bombay, will speak on "The Development of Industries" in Kannada from the Bombay Station of the All-India Radio on March 7.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: The next meeting of the Corporation will be held today (Thursday) at 3 p.m. (B.T.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: We have received one wall-calendar from Messrs. V. M. Shah & Co., 16 Noble Chambers, Parsee Bazaar St., Fort, Bombay, and one perpetual calendar and note-book from M/s. Himatlal & Co., P. Box No. 1371, Bombay.

GALA PREMIERE OF "THE JOLSON STORY": Tonight, at 9-30 p.m. Columbia Pictures' screen biography of A. E. Jolson will be released at the REGAL CINEMA.

New comer Larry Parks plays the part of the Jolson, America's well-known and greatly loved night-club and vaudeville entertainer of the twenties who starred in the first talkie ever to be made—"The Jazz Singer".

The film is in technicolour and contains many songs, made famous by Jolson, such as "Swanee", "Mammy", and "Rainbow Round My Shoulder".

B. D. PETIT PARSI GENERAL HOSPITAL

Further donations towards the Funds of institutions, totalling Rs. 9,368-0, as on 31st January 1947, including the following items:—

Mr. F. C. Elavia .... Rs. 5,000
Mr. Kaikhushru Edulji Mody ..... Rs. 1,000

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF BOMBAY

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay at its meeting held in January 1947, decided to institute post-graduate Diplomas in the following subjects:—

(1) Dermatology and Venereology. (2) Oto-Rhino-Laryngology. (3) Orthopaedics. (4) Anesthetics. (5) Radiology. (6) Anatomy. (7) Physiology.

The regulations relating to these diploma examinations are under preparation.

TODAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, Feb. 27.

BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Song of the Week 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Raza Hussain (Jaltarang solo) 8 45 Amritlal Navsariwala (Geet) 9-0 Padmavati Shaligram (Gundhari). 12-0 p.m. Vanita Mandal (M) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Madhur Geeten 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch-Hour Music Pianoforte and the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra (by M. Sargent) 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 Raza Hussain (Jaltarang solo) 5 15 Children's Half-Hour 5-45 Topic of the Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Filmi Gane 6-30 Songs Sunderji Betaji (by Amritlal Nawsariwala) 6-45 V. R. Sardeshmukh (Pad) 7-0 Azmat Khan (Thumri) 7-15 Raza Hussain (Jaltarang siolo) 7-30 Sadeshivbuwa Gokhale (Vocal) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Scenes from "Krishnarjun Yuddha" 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 The Week in Sports (A. F. S. Talyarkhan) 10-0 Emmi Marcus (Brahms) 10-20 Interlude 10-25 Helly Schicho: Soprano 10-35 The Philharmonic Orchestra 10-50 Hilda Flanders.

HANKERING FOR MORE HELPS BLACK MARKETS

Dinkerrao Desai On Tackling Food Problem

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

"A beggar has no choice and I ask the people of this province to be content with the 'unpopular' grain varieties now offered to them till better times come," Mr. Dinkarrao Desai told a meeting of the Progressive Group this evening.

Bombay had to be content with what was offered by foreign countries and surplus Indian provinces and people should not clamour for "impossible" things but bear with the Government patiently till the dark clouds pass away, the Civil Supplies Minister said, giving an over-all picture of the food situation in the province.

He expressed grave concern over the prevalence of black-marketing in the province, especially in the capital, but warned the public that the remedy lay in their hands and that Government at best could only supplement their efforts to check the evil.

"Unless the citizen comes to the help the Government, any radical action would be practically impossible. If the richer classes rest content with their present lawful share of things, there will be no black markets. We must not covet for more and unless we cease to hanker for things we cannot legitimately have, I am afraid black-marketing will continue to remain a problem difficult of solution," he said amidst cheers from the audience.

The Minister pointed out that this year wheat crops in the province had been disastrously affected by a virulent form of pest, while rice yields in the districts of Thana and Colaba had deteriorated in quality.

SUGAR POSITION

Referring to the sugar position in the province, he pointed out that they were in a very fortunate position compared to other provinces.

"I ask your assistance," the Minister pleaded. "The Government is giving unpopular cereals not because we want to undernourish the people or because grain is being exported from this province, which is a myth. The problem is a difficult one and I ask the people to bear with us in these trying times," Mr. Desai observed.

Mr. Homi J. H. Talayarkhan, who presided, assured the Minister that the fullest co-operation would be forthcoming from the public in the effort of the Government to eliminate black-market operations. He concluded that Government were ceaselessly labouring to meet all that the public demanded and it was unwise on the part of the citizen to get bitter about things.

GOVT. NOT TO HAND OVER GRAIN SHOPS TO PRIVATE DEALERS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

An assurance that the Government Grain Shops will not be handed over to private dealers is reported to have been given by Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, to a deputation of Government Grain Shop Employees who met him at the Secretariat this morning.

The deputationists urged on the Government to entrust the distribution of essential food stuffs to the Consumers' Co-operative Society, which is proposed to be sponsored by the Grain Shop Employees Association. The Minister is said to have commended the scheme and promised all possible assistance from the Government. He advised them to acquaint themselves with the working of similar co-operative societies in Madras and elsewhere.

The deputation consisted of Messrs. V. R. Khatkhate, R. S. Nimbkar, D N. Naik, B. R. Rane, N. S. Giradkar, G. L. Date, K. B. Joshi and Prof. M. L. Dantwalla.

PROF. P. A. WADIA ON ATTLEE'S STATEMENT

Prof. P. A. Wadia, the President of the Freedom Group has issued the following statement:—

The statement of the British Prime Minister of Febr. 20, declaring what appears to be an unequivocal intention on the part of the British to quit India is too important to be passed by without notice.

On the face of it, the statement makes clear the British intention to part with power in June 1948. This resolve should be welcomed, in any event, even though the statement is otherwise vague as to how this belated pious receive is to be put into effect.

It is, however, certain that if this momentous declaration of Britain to leave India to herself has a sobering effect on all parties in this country, and the latter now seriously explore the possibilities of sharing, justly, amicably and with goodwill the privileges and the responsibility that are as the assets and liability of power, then, for one thing, Britain will have no chance of wriggling out of the present declaration, and for another thing, India as a whole, and every community and party thereof will stand to benefit by such a line of action.

If however, power politics will still continue to receive primary consideration in some quarters, there is every possibility of the country as a whole being the sufferer, and, if in the not very long run, such a short-sighted policy may recoil on those that practise it.

Let us all pray and hope that true statemanship will govern the actions of all elements in India's political life at this momentous juncture.

EXHIBITION SALE OF HOME ARTS AND INDUSTRIES: An Exhibition Sale of varieties of household and presentation articles of home industries has been arranged by the Exhibition Society from 3rd to 8th March 1947 at the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall, Fort.

Its objects are to give wide publicity to manufacturers and artisans encouraging their sale and at the same time to give opportunity to the general public to buy varieties of articles from one place only.

Those who wish to have Stalls will please apply to the Hon. Secretary, The Exhibition Society, Central Bank Building (Lift No. 4), Fort, Bombay Entrance is free

MORADABAD, Feb. 25: Ahrar Provincial Political Conference will be held at Kath (Dist. Moradabad) on 16th, 17th, and 18th March 1947. Maulana Habibur-Rahman Raise-Ahrar Ludhyanvi will preside.

CORPORATION BUDGET

Cuts For 24 Lakhs Carried

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Discussion of the estimated expenditure of the Corporation for the year 1947-48 was concluded to-day with the House agreeing to cuts amounting to nearly 20 lakhs under various heads of expenditure.

The Mayor, Mr. M. I. Rowjee, presided.

It was an unusual day in the history of the Corporation because it was after several years that the House had a morning session.

This was a sequel to the hot discussion in the Corporation yesterday when some of the members put forward the plea that discussion should be speeded up and at the request of Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel the Mayor had fixed the meeting at 11 this morning.

The House was conspicuous by the absence of the members on the Opposition benches. The attendance was below the quorum. Mr. Jamnadas Mehta's point of order was set aside by the Mayor on ground that an adjourned meeting could meet without quorum.

Expenditure under three heads with certain amendments was approved by the House. The first estimate related to medical relief and education and amounted to Rs. 47,96,992. Four amendments brought forward by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta seeking cuts in various items of expenditure were lost. Mr. B. A. Dalal's amendments asking for the reduction of expenditure of Dharavi Hospital by Rs. 3,00,000 and of Bai Yamunabai Nair Hospital by Rs. 2,00,000 were carried.

The second and the third estimates were with regard to street cleansing, conservancy and roads and drains. In the first an amendment moved by Mr. V. B. Gandhi for reduction of expenditure by Rs. 10,000 and in the second Mr. Godbole's amendment seeking reduction in expenditure by Rs. 7,51,000 were carried.

Iranian Scholarships For Indian Students

NEW DELHI, Feb. 26 (A.P.I.): With a view to promoting Indo-Iranian cultural relations the Iranian Government has offered two studentships to Indian students desiring to study Persian language and literature at the Teheran University. On the advice of a selection committee convened for the purpose, the Government of India have awarded the studentships to Syed Wazir-ul Hasan Zaidi, lecturer, Anglo-Arabic College, Delhi and Syed Raza Ali Etah (United Provinces). One of the selected students has already left for Iran and the other is expected to leave shortly.

GENERAL STRIKE THREAT IN KOLHAPUR

KOLHAPUR, Feb. 26 (API): Decision to launch one-day general strike and to continue the same, if the 'Darbar' does not take any move for compromise in the meanwhile, till Mr. Bagal, President of the Kolhapur Praja Parishad, ends his fast was arrived at a meeting of the General Body of the Kolhapur State Government Servants' Union held here this morning. An Action Committee of the Union was appointed for this purpose with powers to co-opt representatives of Kolhapur State Praja Parishad and the Merchants' Association.

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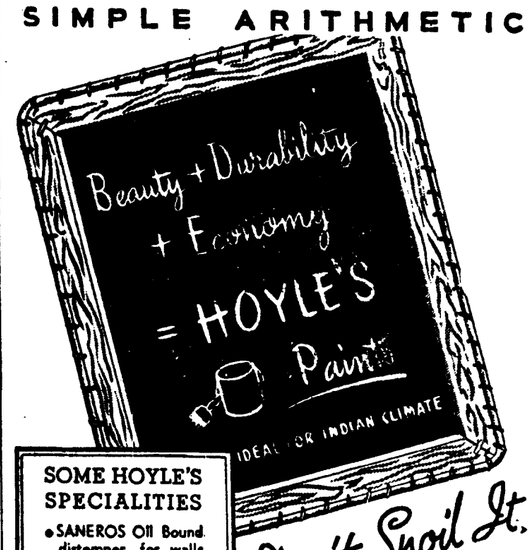

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 26, (A.P.I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from November 1, 1946 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours I.S.T. on February 26.

Ahmedabad 91 65 0 1.1 plus 0.8 Ahmednagar 91 66 0 10.4 plus 8.6 Allahabad 82 52 0 2.1 0 Baroda 93 53 0 1.1 BOMBAY 86 69 0 7.1 plus 6.2 Calcutta 88 68 0 2.5 0 Colombo 86 72 0 39.4 plus 15.6 Delhi 78 51 0 0.7 minus 1.6 Hyderabad (Dn.) 93 72 0 3.4 plus 1.4 Indore 82 51 0 9.4 plus 8.1 Karachi 79 64 0 0.1 minus 1.1 Lahore 79 49 0 1.5 minus 1.1 Lucknow 82 53 0 2.1 plus 0.1 Madras 98 71 0 66.5 plus 35.2 Mahableshwar 82 62 0 11.7 plus 9.6 Mysore 90 66 0 10.4 plus 8.9 Nagpur 87 59 0 11.9 plus 8.8 Patna 84 60 0 1.0 minus 0.9 Peshawar 76 49 0 3.8 minus 0.1 Poona 93 58 0 6.5 plus 5.1 Quetta 65 39 0 4.7 minus 0.4 Simla 57 42 0 5.3 minus 1.8 Srinagar 54 32 0 8.1 plus 0.8.

WEATHER SUMMARY

Following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday, February 26, 1947:—

The Bay depression has apparently weakened and is centered at 08-00 hours I.S.T. near Lt. 9 degrees Long. 87-1/2 degrees E. It is likely to move rapidly north-eastwards. A western disturbance is affecting Baluchistan Weather has been dry except for half an inch of rain at Port Blair. Night temperatures have been appreciably below normal over the area extending from Orissa to the Punjab.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 27TH EVENING: Showers will occur locally in Baluchistan and the North-west Frontier Province and at a few stations in Sind, Assam, the South Bombay Deccan and along the South Coromandel Coast. Night temperatures are expected to rise in North-West India.

Weather News For Farmers

FORECAST TILL FRIDAY MORNING:—Weather will be dry.

OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER 2 DAYS:—Weather will continue to be dry.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

... Merchants use subtility,
The church liveth ruinously,
The Commons are in poverty,
This land goes to waste.
Merchantmen travel the country,
Ploughmen dwell in the city,
Which will destroy the land
shortly;
That will be seen in haste!

Anon.

The Bombay Chronicle

FUTILE TACTICS

We are confident that the Lords debate on India will not in the least affect Indian politics of today. Even the reactionaries here have ceased to rely on the Tories who dominate the House of Lords. Lord Pethick Lawrence paid his colleagues of the House an unmerited compliment when he said that a vote against Government "would considerably weaken our means of effecting our desires in India." We do not expect the Labour Government to get nervous merely because the Lords once again show that they learn nothing and forget nothing. In any case India will no longer allow her freedom to be at the mercy of the British Parliament. The latest plan of the British Government has, in spite of its shortcomings, been welcomed by all sections in India including the Princes. If any attempt is made by anybody to tamper with it, that attempt is doomed to fail. If the plan is improved, as indeed it needs to be, it will certainly ensure better relations between India and Britain. But India's complete freedom, under one constitution or other, can no longer be delayed.

The motion in the Lords stated that the decision of the British Government to hand over India to an Indian Government or Governments in June 1948 "under conditions which appear to be in conflict with previous declarations of the Government on this subject and without any provision for the protection of minorities or discharge of their other obligations is likely to imperil peace and prosperity of India." Now, the conditions of transfer of power are certainly not ideal. But if it is suggested that in the absence of an agreement among the principal parties in India there is to be no transfer of power at all, we must say that the latest plan is far juster and far more honest than any previous one making complete agreement a condition precedent to any transfer of real power. Such a condition is often evidence of a desire on the part of those who insist on it not to part with power at all, an unholy desire, ill-disguised as solicitude for the welfare of the minorities in India. Viscount Templewood represented the Tories in general when he said: "Personally, it is my own view that unity of India depends upon the existence of British influence in India and whether we like it or not when British influence is withdrawn that unity will come to an end." That view is common among the Tories only because it is not to their interest to weaken British influence. That is why Lord Samuel, Leader of the Liberal Party in the Lords, said: "Let us not give the appearance that we are clinging to our old imperial power, grasping at communal difficulties in order to gain a brief respite before we are obliged to surrender with bad grace to turbulence and rebellion."

It is not the communal difficulties alone that the Tories are exploiting. They are encouraging the Princes, too, to create fresh difficulties of their own. Lord Templewood solemnly reminded the House that the Princes "always came to the aid of the Empire in the hour of Empire's need," archly suggesting that now, too, they should come to the aid of British imperialism. More explicitly, he recommended wider powers to the Princes in the "transfer period," evidently in the hope that they may use these in the interests of British imperialism. He said: "I claim that the only just course in their transfer period, if the Princes are to be left in a fair position, is that from now onwards, there should be simultaneous transfer of power to the Indian Princes—simultaneously with transfer of power in British India. That is to say that these restrictions—customs and maintenance of armed forces—should be withdrawn, otherwise the Princes would be left in possibly a weak position." We do not think, however, that the Princes will swallow the bait. If there is need for an increase in the Princes' powers even during the transfer period, there is a far greater and more urgent need for increasing the powers of the States people, whom, by the way, the Tories have always ignored and are still ignoring. However, both the Princes and the States people are at present content with leaving questions about the powers of the States 'vis-a-vis' the Central Government to be discussed in the Constituent Assembly. H.H. the Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, while welcoming the latest statement of the British Government,—expresses the hope that the statement will "help to bring home to the people in India the stark realities of the situation which faces them, and the fact that no time can now be lost in coming together and working out an acceptable solution." It may be noted that the appeal to work out an acceptable constitution is to "the people in India" and not merely to the people in British India and the Princes. His Highness specifically refers to reforms in the States when he says: "If the States stand together, and while moving with the times in regard to internal reforms in their administration, they contribute that element of stability combined with progressive outlook in the constructive work that lies ahead, they will have deserved well of the country." We earnestly hope the people and the Princes of India will all help in devising an ideal democratic State suited to the interests of the country. The Nawab Saheb expresses his satisfaction at the latest pronouncement that "Paramountcy will disappear when Great Britain withdraws itself from the Indian administrative scene, and that the States will resume their independence." It follows, of course, that the States people will also be freer to agitate for their constitutional rights. They have learnt from the Paramount Power many a lesson in democracy, particularly the principle of "no taxation without representation." They will, therefore, not mind if the transfer of paramountcy is expedited fairly. After all, as the "Manchester Guardian" pertinently points out: "Paramountcy is not the outcome of law or treaties but of facts. A strong Central Government in India will be paramount and the Princes will have to come to an agreement with it." It is obvious, as the paper adds, that the Government "should be one able to maintain its control and assert its authority."

Frankly Speaking

Worthy Of Him

We welcome the announcement from Patna that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has sent a personal donation of Rs. 5,000 for the relief of Bihar sufferers. This gesture must recall the very splendid service that Pandit Nehru rendered in fighting the frenzy of murder and arson that had gripped certain parts of Bihar—a service which was publicly acknowledged and appreciated by Muslim Leaguers, too. The part that Pandit Nehru played then and his present donation are worthy of the man and worthy of the obligation which every Indian owes to his fellow-countrymen who have been victims in such a horrible and deplorable tragedy. We should like here to express our hope that the gesture will be emulated and also reciprocated in respect of the relief of sufferers in East Bengal.

Maulana Azad's Tribute

Following on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's recent statement, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has also paid a handsome tribute to the sincerity and earnestness of Lord Wavell. Maulana Azad, as Congress President, had had to deal with Lord Wavell practically throughout the entire period since the release of Congress leaders from detention in Ahmednagar. He, therefore, speaks with authority. And he makes an effective point when he recalls that it was Lord Wavell who, at the Simla Conference in 1945, opened a new chapter in Indo-British relations. Mr. Churchill's words in the Commons have created the whole difficulty, for they almost meant to suggest that Wavell was being dismissed in response to some Congress demand. Authoritative Congress leaders have done their duty. But in fairness to them and the Congress we hope, Lord Wavell, when he is free to make a statement, will not fail to do his.

The Value Of English

Maulana Azad has done well to warn the public that his remark, made at a meeting of the Committee of Arabic and Persian Studies in Lucknow, that those who specialise in such studies should also have a working knowledge of English, was meant only for such classical scholars. As regards those engaged in general studies, he rightly points out: "It was never my intention to suggest that there should be any fall in the standard of English taught. One hundred and fifty years of intimate contact has made English an integral part of our educational system and this cannot be changed without injury to the cause of one of the major languages of the world and Indians can neglect its study only at the risk of loss to themselves. I am convinced that, in the future as well, the standard of teaching of English should be maintained at as high a level as possible but the medium of instruction must from the very nature of the cause be the mother tongue." These are refreshingly liberal views and will be a timely corrective to the suggestion of certain narrow-visioned persons that in free India English should be virtually abolished. A great Maharashtra scholar and patriot described English as "tigress's milk" as it is best calculated to inspire those fed on it with rousing ideas of modern progress, particularly the idea of modern democracy. It is of course obvious that English should not be allowed to dominate secondary and higher education so as to prejudice the progress of other subjects. But it certainly deserves to be a compulsory subject in secondary schools and arts courses in colleges.

Mr. Jinnah's Appeal

On the eve of his departure from Karachi after his long stay there Mr. Jinnah has issued a statement assuring fair and just treatment to minorities and appealing for harmonious co-operation between the communities in the interest of the peaceful and smooth progress of Sind. Mr. Jinnah is quite right when he urges by implication the creation of a desirable atmosphere to enable the people to think and act dispassionately and to make possible the realisation of the desire, presumably of the Ministers, to "extract the fullest benefit under the present constitution for the people of Sind and their welfare.....". But it is regrettable that his public appeal should be one-sidedly prejudiced. He lays the entire blame, in his Karachi statement on "Hindu opinion both in the Legislature and outside", and "especially the Hindu press" which he accuses of being unhelpful and of "organised hostility. But is it quite fair to "Hindu opinion" and "the Hindu press"? In fact, if another report of a private dinner, published in a local contemporary is correct, Mr. Jinnah himself gives the answer.

Admirable Advice

According to this report Mr. Jinnah discussed at a dinner party the attitude of Ministerial spokesmen in the Assembly on the Sind University Bill. Here is the relevant extract from the report:

"Mr Jinnah, who closely followed the proceedings on Monday, told the Ministers that they had disserved the cause of Pakistan by such violent expressions regarding the use of the brute Muslim majority for furthering Muslim culture and development. He felt that Opposition criticisms should have been met by persuasive and logical arguments and efforts should have been made to allay minority fears rather than aggravate them".

This advice, we are glad to learn from the report, had "a sobering effect." The injustice of laying the whole blame on the other side, when the majority in power is far from innocent is, therefore, obvious. But except for regret on one point, namely, that Mr. Jinnah's criticism was confined to a private occasion we heartily congratulate the Muslim League leader on pulling up his followers. The advice he gave is that of a statesman and very welcome indeed. The majority owes a duty to the minority and it cannot be discharged by hectoring and autocratic behaviour—in which case it becomes "brute majority" as Mr. Jinnah pointed out. Indeed, to cite Mr. Jinnah again it aggravates rather than allays minority fears. We wish that aspect of Mr. Jinnah's sentiments which he expressed at a private function had been included in his public statement and thus given full and authoritative publicity. That was more important in the circumstances. For, the Muslim League is at least as much on trial vis-a-vis minorities as the Congress and its obligation regarding assurances to them is equally urgent and vital.

Filming Inter Asiatic Relations Conference

Sir,—We are going to have the first Inter-Asiatic Relations Conference to be held in Delhi from 23rd March, 1947. It may not possible for common persons like us to attend it; at the most we can read its proceedings in the papers. I think every person will be given a fair chance if some arrangement is made to picture the show. The Indian News Parade is no more functioning, but can we hope that Government will make some arrangements through some other film company?—Yours, etc.

A. DAS GUPTA.

"Congress Topical"

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Moylan's letter published in your columns of the issue dated 7th February regarding "Congress Topical", I am compelled to write to you the following few lines as the name of the A. I. C. C. has been entangled therein. I hope you will publish the same for general information and to avoid misunderstanding created by the parties concerned.

"Indian Topical" is a concern organised by some active Congress workers to carry on national propaganda through films on non-profiteering basis.

Mr. Moylan's statement alleging that we approached him as representatives of A. I. C. C. is not true. I simply requested Mr. Moylan for certain shots, of course, as a help for the national cause, which I always expect from every national source.

L. K. SHUKL.
for, Indian Topicals.

Bombay Assembly

Motor Vehicles Bill "Inopportune"

Passing Of Measure Amounts To Tacit Approval Of Principle Of Nationalisation Says Shamsuddin

BOMBAY, Wednesday.—A desultory, long-drawn and still inconclusive debate on the Bill to amend the Motor Vehicles Act in its application to this Province, occupied the entire sitting time of the Bombay Legislative Assembly today.

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin resuming his unfinished speech said that to ask the House to pass the Bill was to put the cart before the horse, because the Bill sought to authorise a scheme which was still under contemplation by the Home Minister. The passing of this Bill would amount to the tacit approval of the principle of Nationalisation which was yet to be debated upon.

"INOPPORTUNE"

He argued further that the Bill was inopportune because a Bill with similar provisions was before the Central Assembly. It would be wise for the Government to wait and see how the Central Legislation would affect the province and how it would affect the scheme of nationalisation.

Alleging that the Bill had been brought up in order to legalise what had already happened in Ahmedbad, Mr. Shamsuddin said that the manner in which the Municipalisation of the Road services was being carried did not reflect much credit on the Congress Ministry. The Regional Transport Authority had issued a permit to the Municipality although he was not competent to do so. Under the rules he was bound to give preference to existing operators. As a result of Municipalisation, Muslims and Parsis who held a major portion of the shares in the Ahmedabad transport service were hard hit.

Reiterating his view that Nationalisation of Road transport was nationalisation at the wrong end Mr. Shamsuddin cited the Congress Election Manifesto to show that in the list of priorities contemplated the Road transport came last.

Mr. Chandulal P. Parikh (Ahmedabad Millowners' Association) "What is the priority?"

Mr. Shamsuddin read out the passage which mentioned key industries first and asked if the Textile Industry was not a key industry which should be one of the first to be nationalised.

Mr. S. A. Dange: ":Ask Mr. Khandubhai Desai."

Mr. Babubhai Patel (Kaira) supporting the Bill said that the nationalisation of Road transport would fetch the Government over two crores of rupees as revenue which would, to that extent, lessen the burden of the tax-payer. Adverting to the adverse remarks made against the proposal of the Ahmedabad Municipality to take over the bus service, Mr. Patel observed that it was within the competence of the Municipalities to run the bus service under the Local Boards Act, which gave priority to these bodies in this respect. It was also wrong to say that the principle of nationalisation ran counter to the ideals of the Congress Election Manifesto, which had accepted the principle of State Control or State ownership.

He refuted the statements of the Opposition members that the minority community would be mainly affected by the Bill, as he contended the Hindus had a greater stake in the motor transport industry in the Province than other communities

Mr. A. A. Kittur opposing the Bill said that the Bill was not only premature but it was not national. He saw no wisdom in rushing it through at this time.

The Home Minister had argued that it was only an enabling measure and it was also a merely amending Bill. He was, however, of the view that it was much more than a mere amending Bill. In effect it was an altogether new Bill because it sought to introduce drastic changes in the basis of the issue, renewal and cancellation of licenses. It may be that under the law the House had jurisdiction to pass such a Bill. But he pointed out that the question of nationalisation of Road transport was agitating the minds of the people in more than one province and it was fair that it should be tackled on an all-India basis.

"UNDEMOCRATIC STEP"

He also criticised Clause four of the Bill which provides that a Provincial Transport Authority may consist of a single official. This he considered an undemocratic step.

Discussing the merits of nationalisation he said that from the point of view of the benefit to the public it would be far better to have a scheme of Government control rather than of Government ownership. By the present scheme a number of middle class operators, who during war-time had just made up for their previous losses would be thrown on the streets. He cited figures to show that Government would not be able to make profits unless they charged much more than half an anna per unit, which was more than the present rate charged by the buses.

Mr. Hariprasad Desai (Ahmedabad) supporting the Bill commended the Ahmedabad Municipality's proposal to run the bus service. He said that majority of the motor workers, who were Muslims, had expressed their willingness to serve under the Municipality as they were aware that they would get better pay and service facilities under the new dispensation.

Mr. Bhogilal Lala (Ahmedabad) supporting the Bill, charged the Morris Transport Company of Ahmedabad, which enjoyed the monopoly of these motor transport services, with inefficiency and irregularity in the maintenance of the service.

Mr. A. M. Yamni and Mr. S. M. Hassan also spoke strongly opposing the Bill.

The debate had not concluded when the House adjourned till tomorrow.

BRITAIN BORROWS FROM ARGENTINA TO REPAY PART OF INDIA'S DEBT

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter). Further light on how Britain got into her present pass is thrown by the Chancellor of the Exchequer's disclosure in the House of Commons today that during 1946 the Sterling Balances of the Sterling area countries were reduced by £50,000,000 while those of the countries outside the Sterling area were increased by a further £120,000,000.

In other words, writes Reuter's financial editor, Britain paid a little off her war debt to the countries inside the Sterling Area but from other countries she borrowed appreciably more in Sterling over and above her big dollar borrowings.

Since India's Sterling Balance has been reduced by about £100,000,000 in the last ten months, it appears that India almost alone received any repayment of the war debt and that Britain incurred further Sterling debt to her other suppliers as a whole both inside and outside the Sterling Area.

The biggest non-Sterling lender must have been Argentina as a big and indispensable supplier of food. As a simplification, Britain borrowed from Argentina in order to repay India and is now paying off Argentina by selling part of her national patrimony, namely, the British-owned Argentine Railways. This significantly reduces Britain's future foreign exchange income and still, of course, leaves her with a colossal debt to India.

OVER-DRAFTS

One can now see how Britain's balance of payments deficit of £450,000,000 in 1946 was "covered". Drawings on United States credit were £150,000,000 and on Canadian £130,000,000. The already huge Sterling Balances were increased by £70,000,000. The remaining £100,000,000 must have come mainly from other United States and Canadian credits in the early months of the year, notably the remains of the United States Lend-lease pipe-line credit but some of it may have been covered by further sales of Britain's external assets.

Besides this external overdraft of £450,000,000, Britain also lived on an over-draft from her internal stocks. The Government remarks that Britain was living on coal over-draft, but this depletion of stocks went far beyond coal. A conservative estimate of their total depletion during 1946 is £200,000,000.

The only over-drafts on which Britain can still live are the remains of the United States and Canadian credits. Other lenders, namely, Britain's depleted stocks and big holders of Sterling Balances are clamouring for repayment.

CHARCOAL POSITION IN BOMBAY

Medium Quality To Have Controlled Distribution

The Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay, writes: On account of the shortage of charcoal occasioned by depleted stocks, reduced production and negligible imports from the sources outside the Bombay Province, the Government of Bombay has introduced controlled distribution of medium quality charcoal in Bombay City and Suburbs.

Badami charcoal, steam coal, khar and firewood are, however, available as substitutes.

TRANSPORT OF CHARCOAL

As regards the supply of petrol for transporting charcoal to railheads, the Provincial Motor Transport Authority makes petrol available in sufficient quantities to the Divisional Forest Officer to be supplied to the forest contractors, whenever necessary. Besides petrol to the extent of 13,000 gallons has already been issued to the Jawhar State by the Provincial Motor Transport Authority for transport of charcoal from the State jungles to the railheads of North Thana.

The Government has continued the system of controlled distribution of medium quality charcoal to the persons who possess K(H) cards. The distribution of Badami charcoal and khar is not controlled, so that they, though in small quantities, may be available for use as substitute for those who require more or for those not having K(H) cards.

The Badami charcoal factories at Vile Parle, Kherwadi (Khar) and Pali Hill (Bandra) have been allowed to sell Badami charcoal to the public direct at the site of production and also to open their own depots or select their own retailers in suitable areas.

The Government is also considering the question of those persons who have less than five foodgrain units.

The 45th Anniversary of the Gurukula University Kangri will be celebrated on 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th April, 1947, during the Easter holidays. Important educational and social conferences and lectures have been arranged for this occasion.

"Go Slow" In Planning

Manu Subedar On "Financial And Trade Topics"

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A policy of 'go slow' in the matter of planning in India was urged by Mr. Manu Subedar, speaking on "Current Financial and Trade Topics" to the Commerce Graduates this afternoon.

Mr. Subedar contended that to put into practice the various plans proposed by the Central and Provincial Governments as well as the Indian States, the requisite amount of money which would be hundreds of crores of rupees, could be obtained only by imposing further taxation on the people, or by creating money through the printing press or by borrowing, all of which he characterised as extremely unwise at the present stage.

NEW TAXATION MENACE

Holding that the "printing press method" an the introduction of new taxes would bring about greater inflation and further increase in the cost of living, Mr. Subedar said that they would be a very dangerous moves since there was much distress already in this country. The cost of living was nearly three times the pre-war standard. As regards inflation, next to China, India was in the most unhappy position.

Mr. Subedar deprecated the idea of indefinite borrowing, which he said would lead the country into serious trouble in future.

STOP PLANNING GALORE

The speaker asserted that until conditions improved "planning galore" was a totally wrong policy. Only those projects should be undertaken at present, which were most urgent.

TARIFF POLICY

Referring to proposals made by certain countries for the reduction of duties and free trade, Mr. Subedar said that they were put forward with selfish motives and that they would be detrimental to the growth of Indian industries, which today stood in need of protection.

NO SCALING DOWN OF STERLING BALANCES

Mr. Subedar deplored the attitude taken by Britain as regards India's Sterling balances. All attempts to scale down the sterling balances should be firmly resisted, he said.

APPROVER'S STORY DISBELIEVED

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Vaidekar & a Special Jury)

Emperor
v.
1. Gangadas Kapurchand,
2. Baboo Bhimji .. Accused.

Found not guilty by the jury, the accused who were charged with the murder of one Abdul Ibrahim on 23rd June last, were acquitted by His Lordship.

The prosecution alleged that on the evening of the day in question the deceased had a quarrel with accused 1 as a result of which the deceased had given accused 1 a sound beating. In order to avenge himself, accused 1 was alleged to have returned the same night with accused 2 and one Ramniklal to the shop of the deceased in Bardan Gully at Wadgadi, to have picked up a quarrel and to have stabbed the deceased while Ramniklal held him and accused 2 beat him with a heavy stick. Ramniklal turned approver on tender of pardon. The defence of the accused was that there was a "maramari" in which Ramniklal himself who bore enmity to the deceased had stabbed him in their presence.

Mr. R. S. Dikshit and the Advocate-General instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution. Mr. H. R. Pardivala with Mr. K. B. Palgankar defended accused 1. Mr. V. R. Upadhyaya defended accused 2.

ANTICIPATORY BREACH OF CONTRACT

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chagla)

Albert R. Gehani .. Plaintiff.
v.
The Dawn Mills Ltd. .. Defendants.

The plaintiff, a resident of Egypt, had filed this suit against the defendant-mills for the recovery of damages for the breach of six contracts for the purchase of 5200 bales of yarn to be delivered at different times from June 1941 to June 1942.

With regard to five of the contracts, it was common ground that the defendants had repudiated the contracts on November 28, 1941, by refusing to perform them on the false excuse of Government restrictions.

On behalf of the defendants it was argued that though they had by their repudiation committed anticipatory breach of contract, by not accepting the repudiation the plaintiff had kept the contracts alive, that it was therefore the plaintiff's duty to apply for delivery of the goods on the respective due dates, and as he did not do so there was no breach of contract by the defendants and the plaintiff was not entitled to any damages.

His Lordship accepted the defendants' argument that the plaintiff not having accepted the repudiation, the contract had been kept alive for the benefit of the plaintiff but also for the benefit of the defendants so that the plaintiff remained subject to all his obligations under the contracts. In His Lordship's opinion, however, it was futile for the purchase to apply for delivery once the sellers had made it clear that they would not perform the contracts.

His Lordship was of opinion that the refusal implied that the purchaser need not apply for delivery. His Lordship therefore held that the defendants repudiation continued till the due dates and that they had committed breach of contract for which they were liable in damages. His Lordship referred the matter of assessing damages to the Commissioner of Accounts.

Mr. K. A. Somjee and Mr. Y. B. Rege instructed by Messrs. Cragie Blunt & Caroe appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas and Mr. H. M. Seervai instructed by Messrs. Wadia Gandhy & Co. appeared for the defendants.

PUBLISHING FIRM MANAGER FINED

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice & Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar)

King-Emperor .. Applicant.
v.
Eustace Cyril Murphy, Manager and Secretary of Thacker & Co., Ltd. .. Opponent (Accused).

Charged under the Defence of India Rules and the Paper Control (Economy) Order 1944 for having submitted an untrue return in respect of the quantity of paper consumed in printing books during the year 1943, and for having consumed 13,573 lbs. of paper in excess of the permissible quota during the period from July to December 1944. Their Lordships enhanced the sentence to one of a fine of Rs. 3,393 (in default 6 months' R.I.) on each charge.

The accused, the manager and secretary of a well-known publishing company in Bombay, had pleaded guilty before the Chief Presidency Magistrate who had tried him in the first instance and who had in April last sentenced him to an aggregate fine of Rs. 500 on the different counts. The Government applied to the High Court in Revision for enhancement of sentence.

On behalf of the accused it was stated that the offence was not a deliberate one but was the result of basing the calculations on the financial year instead of the calendar year as required by law.

Their Lordships were of opinion that their being no deliberate intention to deceive, the offence should only be visited with a fine but that the fine should have some reference to the advantage gained by the Company as a result of the offence. Their Lordships therefore enhanced the sentence of fine as stated above.

The Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

Mr. K. A. Somjee, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Mr. R. S. Pandit with Mr. K. B. Bengeri appeared for the accused.

TETE A TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Recalling the visit of the Cabinet Mission, of whom he was one, to India, Lord Pethick-Lawrence said he would like the House to appreciate that before the Cabinet Mission went out and, in fact, when they arrived in India, "we were confronted with a really dangerous situation." There was in the realm of the Congress a violent revolutionary sentiment.

—Lords' Debate.

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Viscount Templewood—our old friend Sir Samuel Hoare—expressing his sense of profound shock at the Attlee statement which involves both quitting, and probably division of India, declared in the Lords, "Personally it is my own view that unity of India depends upon the existence of British influence in India and whether we like it or not when British influence is withdrawn that unity will come to an end."

Need we say that the remedy, therefore, is obvious?

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Turning to the Indian "States"—he meant Princes—the noble Viscount said: "They have always come to the aid of the Empire in the hour of the Empire's need."

Aid of the "Empire." He is quite right. And that is what they have to outlive now.

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With the probable merging, in the post-Wavell interim period, of the position of Viceroy with that of constitutional Governor-General, the Indian Princes, Hoare wailed, would have lost their "independent prop."

In fact, their protector and the sovereign controller of their sovereignty.

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The liberal Peer, Viscount Samuel, criticising Templewood and his motion pointed out that no alternative policy had been proposed.

Lord Samuel is wrong. The alternative is quite clear: Stay in India.

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Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League must realise that obstruction now will do even more harm to their own cause than it will to the interests of India.

—The London "Times".

We earnestly hope this isn't semi-official.

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Reuter reports how Lord Mountbatten narrowly escaped unhurt while travelling to London by car.

We are relieved to learn that the Viceroy-designate not only escaped injury but he also didn't miss the bus.

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Telling the House of Commons that the Palestine problem was a very vexed and complex one, Mr. Ernest Bevin made the admission that "there is no denying the fact that the Mandate contains contradictory provisions."

It does even more. The Mandate itself constitutes a contradiction—of the rights of nations, and countries and the principle of self-determination.

SRINAGAR, Feb. 25, (U. P. I.): The 60-year old Sardar Budhsingh, a member of the Working Committee of the Kashmir National Conference who was arrested in May last year in connection with the "Quit Kashmir" agitation, was sentenced to one and half years' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10 under the Defence Rules by a Special Magistrate today. In view of the Sardar's "age, status and renunciation" the Magistrate recommended better class treatment in jail for him.

INDIA'S FLAG PROBLEM

NEW DELHI, Feb. 26 (U. P. I.): What should be the design of India's Flag to be flown over Indian Embassies which have already been started and are expected to be started in the near future in different countries? This appears to be one of the problems which have engaged the attention of the External Affairs Department of the Government of India for some time now.

It may be mentioned that under International Law all foreign embassies enjoy immunity from operation of laws of the country in which they happen to be situated. Accordingly, the premises of each embassy are demarcated by means of a distinctive flag of the country it represents. India having attained ambassadorial status for the first time now, absence of a flag which might be acclaimed by all sections of her people as India's own flag, is being felt.

The United Press of India understands that pending final solution of this difficult issue, it has been decided by the Government of India that for the present the Indian Embassy in Washington, which incidentally happens to be the first of its kind to be established, will not fly any flag normally. On ceremonial occasions, however, India's present official flag, that is, "Union Jack with the Star of India" will be flown.

SCINDIAS PURCHASE FOUR SHIPS IN U. S.

Will Carry Food For India As First Cargo

WELLINGTON, Feb. 26, (Reuter): Four cargo vessels have just been purchased by a Scindia Steam Navigation Company representative in the United States and will sail for India with grain shipments totalling 36,000 tons during March Reuter learned from Indian sources.

The ships—all "Liberty Ships"—were sold to the Indian company on the condition that their first cargo would be food for India.

All four will sail from Galveston, Texas, and all will carry milo—a sorghum type of food grain. The first will sail on March five.

LEAGUERS CALL OFF PUNJAB C. D.

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trates immediately or at any time to impose or reimpose restrictions on meetings whenever and wherever the public safety so demands. Persons who make speeches likely to inflame communal feelings will be proceeded against.

The Punjab Public Safety Ordinance, 1946, was promulgated in view of the acute communal situation of last November after the disturbances in Calcutta, Eastern Bengal, Bihar and the Western United Provinces and during the disturbances in the Rohtak District of the Punjab. We intend at the Budget Session of the Assembly to consult Party leaders and to bring forward such legislation as may be considered necessary to preserve peace and public order in place of the present ordinance.

NEED FOR RESTRAINT

We must remind the members of all communities that the main object of our policy since we took office has been to maintain communal peace. We trust that the leaders of all communities will impress upon their followers the need for restraint now that the restrictions on meetings have been removed."

MAMDOT'S STATEMENT

Khan of Mamdot, President of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League has issued the following statement from the Kasur Sub-Jail: "In view of the Punjab Government's statement and our mutual understanding regarding the release of the prisoners, I, as President of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League, call the Muslim League civil disobedience movement off."

The Punjab Government are accordingly proceeding with the release of all prisoners detained, under trial or convicted in connection with the movement other than those accused or convicted of offence under section 525 or of more serious offences against the person under the Indian Penal Code."

BAN ON UNOFFICIAL REPORTS LIFTED

LAHORE, Feb. 26, (A.P.I.): The Punjab Government issued an order today lifting the ban imposed on the publication of unofficial reports of the Civil Disobedience movement launched by the Punjab Muslim League in the province.

PUNJAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE OF ACTION TO MEET TODAY

The Committee of Action of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League will meet tomorrow Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Mamdot Villa to consider the future programme.

Mian Mohd Mumtaz Daultana General-Secretary of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League on his arrival in Lahore told the Associated Press of India that "the Committee of Action will fix a day to celebrate the League Victory and a statement will be issued congratulating people upon the display of the discipline, restraint and sacrifice in the cause of Pakistan".

BAN ON "DAWN" LIFTED

The ban on the entry of the "Dawn" in the Punjab has been withdrawn by the Punjab Government, announces an Extraordinary Government Gazette.

PUBLIC RECEPTION TO RELEASED LEADERS

To accord a public reception to the Muslim League leaders who were released today following the compromise between the Punjab Government and the Punjab Muslim League a mammoth public meeting was held this evening outside Mochi Gate.

Major Ashiq Hussain, ex-Minister of Punjab, Mian Mohd Nurullah Khan, Mian Allay Allahyar Khan Daultana, C. H. Mohd Hassan Rana Nasrullah Khan and a dozen other Muslim League M.L.As. who were released from the Lahore Central Jail this afternoon were presented to the audience.

Templewood Withdraws Censure Motion

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ment's hope to succeed by June 1948 was possible.

"Can it mean that if there is no constitution settled by a fully representative Constituent Assembly by June 1948 that they would dream handing over Government of India to Pandit Nehru? It cannot mean that.

"They must have some idea as to how they are going to arrive at a body or bodies to whom they are going to give this power and some method by which they are going to select. This alternative means that Government at this late stage would have to turn to the method of choosing a Government themselves, a method which most of us have repudiated a long time ago."

Lord Simon asked what Government contemplated about British troops in India after June 1948 and also in the meantime; also about British soldiers and officers now serving in India after that date. He understood Government's statement to mean that British soldiers would withdraw in June 1948, and a vast number of people inside and outside Parliament understood the same thing.

"POLITICAL OPERATION"

To his astonishment at the end of yesterday's debate, in answer to Lord Newall, Lord Listowel, Postmaster-General, reading obviously from a carefully prepared piece of paper assured him that there was not going to be any evacuation of India from transfer of political power from British Government to responsible Indian hands. It was not a military, but a political operation, Lord Listowell had said.

FRONTIER DEFENCE

Lord Simon continued that the British soldier in India was there for two purposes—assisting in maintaining internal order and also for Frontier Defence. Transfer of Power would mean transfer of executive responsibility to Indian hands. It would be unthinkable that British soldiers should be used to supplement the police in maintaining internal order.

Frontier defence was a possible arrangement so long as the Foreign Affairs of India and relations with the outlying States were in the hands of an authority which itself spoke with the authority of the British Government as the Viceroy did. But, if all that was to end and there was to be transfer of power, was it really suggested that British soldiers should still be employed for that purpose? Their supply, transport and barracks would be entirely in the hands of Indian Ministers conducting an Indian Government.

Supposing there was trouble in the North-West and people there sympathising with their fellow Muslims inside India because they considered they were not fairly treated—supposing that in an Indian province where there was a Muslim majority, they came in to aid the people. Was it possible that the British Army should be employed to drive them out. How could they do it? The British Army might be under the orders of a Muslim or Hindu province and a Muslim or a Hindu might be next door to each other.

"When I had the answer of the Government yesterday that this was not evacuation but only transfer of power, I asked myself, is it possible that the British Army is to be lent to the people for their own purpose. I hope, I shall not be put off with a reference to Iraq. In the case of Iraq, when it became an independent State, we stipulated for certain air bases and we controlled the communications, thereby protecting the pipeline. I do not at present understand what is proposed."

"DEGRADATION OF BRITISH NAME"

Lord Simon feared that the end of this business was not going to be the establishment of peace in India but to degrade the British name (cheers).

Viscount Trenchard, Liberal, and one of the founders of the Royal Air Force, asked a number of questions about India's defence. Was Britain to hand over defence to the Indian Government or was Britain going to provide it? Did Government's statement mean that the army and the Royal Air Force would leave India or would they remain under the control of the Indian Government? "Who is going to provide security for the villages on our side of the line on the North-west Frontier? Were the great cities of Peshawar and Amritsar to be left open to raids from marauding bands from the other side?"

He hoped that in the interim period there would be a public declaration that the Air Force would never be used for keeping peace in cities in India or anywhere else.

HALIFAX ON "ORDER AND UNITY"

Lord Halifax Conservative and Former Viceroy, said he hoped that it was axiomatic in the minds of the Government that the British Army would never be used for the execution of a policy over which the British Parliament had no control (there was long applause at this statement)

British policy had always been concerned with leading India to self-Government and maintaining order and unity. He found it difficult to see how some situation as the present could have been avoided. He agreed it was right to lay stress on agreement but that did not alter the fact that in totally different circumstances in 1948 it might not be possible to insist upon it.

The Cripps offer was made on the basis that agreement was essential. Mr. Churchill and the British, no doubt, placed great weight on the conditions attached to the offer but the Indian looking forward to self-Government saw that no conditions were attached.

"There was a great Conservative policy at last being prepared to say that Independence for India was no longer a matter of principle to be resisted at all costs. For that reason, it was idle to suppose that one could get back to the position before the offer was made even if one was not able to secure the achievement of agreement.

Maintenance of control pending agreement was completely logical and just, but he gravely doubted if it would in fact have been practical. "I think if we were to endeavour to insist on that policy we would be imposing immense strain upon our political and probably our military machine in India, which I suspect and I say it with extreme regret, would be greater than they could support.

"INTOLERABLE"

Drawing up what he called a balance sheet of Pros and Cons of Government's action, Lord Halifax said that on the 'pro' side it might be said that it removed uncertainty. Several Lords seemed to think you could, without too much difficulty, carry on as you were. From all information he himself had from India, he got the impression that the position was rapidly becoming intolerable. The Government of India—or if one liked, the British Government—was in the most distasteful of all positions in which it had responsibility greater than its power.

The move also cleared the British Government of the charge of lack of purpose and it might also be said that it provided a lever for Indian agreement. But there were formidable entries to be made on the debt side. It was plain there was great danger that India would be left confused, if not chaotic. A good deal of informed opinion would be likely to feel that the British Government's move was as likely to encourage disunity as unity.

But he hoped that the British Government, with the best information at their disposal, had reason to think that a firm announcement of a date was more likely to make for unity".

Lord Halifax said it was easy to say that Government's decision was wrong but it was not so easy to say what was right.

NO NECESSITY OF DIVISION

"I should for my part find it difficult to support Viscount Templewood if he proceeded to a division."

He appealed to the members to spare the House on this occasion the necessity of a Division.

He did not see what purpose a division could serve. The opposition had made their position abundantly clear.

"I have no doubt what the result of a division might be here, but I have also no doubt about what the result of a division might be in India."

"It is to this result in India that we ought particularly to give our thoughts."

He asked the House to recognise the sharp differences in methods by which final evolution of Britain's professed policy was to be achieved. There were no differences as to the professed purpose.

Lord Halifax added: "If that is so, it means that the policy of Self-Government will certainly go forward and there is no desire and no power to arrest that. If that is so, is it not a wise course to concentrate our thoughts and hopes on future relation between India and the British Commonwealth as this great drama moved forward.

From every point of view, of India, of the British Commonwealth and of the world—because the world does not tolerate a vacuum—immense importance must be attached to the position that the new India is going to occupy.

"Both India and Great Britain realise how much each had to give to the other.

SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP

"Therefore, wiser heads in both countries are planning, thinking; working, hoping and praying that means may be found by which out of all this may come the seeds of a new spirit of partnership between them: For that reason, I should deprecate language from whatever side of the House that talked about evacuation as if it were one power evacuating before a hostile power. That is not my conception.

BRITAIN TRYING TO CREATE ULSTERS IN INDIA

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—When the Communist Empire Conference was resumed here today, Dr. S. A. Wickransingh, President of the Ceylon Communist Party and recently elected to the State Council, was in the Chair.

Mr. William McCullough of Northern Ireland said, "We have the right to expect the British Government to repudiate the policy of partition of Ireland," "Partition is one of the greatest disasters that could happen to any country. The British Government is trying to create in India a few hundred Ulsters."

MENON SEES MOUNTBATTEN

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UPA).—Pandit Nehru's personal representative in Europe, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, was in consultation with Viceroy-designate Viscount Mountbatten in London for more than one hour yesterday, it was learned today.

Menon declined any comment other than to say he was renewing an old friendship. Comment from official quarters was that Mr. Menon was relinquishing his old role of agitator to that of a negotiator.

KRISHNA MENON'S MISSION TO BERNE

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter). Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Personal Envoy of Pandit Nehru in Europe, flew to Berne to establish diplomatic relations between India and the Swiss Government.

Mr. Menon is expected to leave for India about the middle of March to report to Pandit Nehru on the result of his contact within the different European countries.

RECEPTION TO ASAF ALI

India Muslim League In America To Boycott Function

NEW YORK, Feb. 26, (Reuter): A "mass reception" is to be held at Washington today in honour of the newly arrived Indian Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Asaf Ali. Seven hundred Muslims, most of whom are members of the India Muslim League of America, have decided to ignore an invitation to attend the function from the National Committee for India's freedom.

Dr. Ali Mubark Khan, Secretary of the India Muslim League of America said: "When the invitations were received, we decided to communicate first with the All-India Muslim League at New Delhi before accepting. The reply which was received did not justify our acceptance."

CHANGES IN U. S. S. R. CONSTITUTION

MOSCOW, FEB. 25 (REUTER): EACH OF THE REPUBLICS OF THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE ENTITLED TO ITS OWN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION ABROAD AND TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN ARMED FORCES UNDER A DOCUMENT OUTLINING THE CHANGES IN THE SOVIET UNION CONSTITUTION READ TO THE SUPREME SOVIET IN SESSION AT THE KREMLIN TODAY BY M. ANDREI VISHINSKY, VICE-MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

TIRUTTANI TEMPLE OPEN TO HARIJANS

MADRAS, Feb. 26, (U.P.I.): The historic Subrahmanyaswami temple at Tiruttani was thrown open to the Harijans today.

A large number of Harijans led by Mr. J. Sivashanmugam Pillai, Speaker Madras Assembly, Mr. B. B. Ramakrishna Raju, President of the Legislative Council, Mr. K. Koti Reddi and Mr. V. Kurmayya Minister for Harijan Uplift performed the opening function of another two temples at Pannadam near Vriddhachalam yesterday.

RELIEF TO SUBURBAN RAILWAY TRAVELLERS

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Bureaucratic Government did not think it appropriate to increase railway fares below one rupee. It was given to the Transport Member of the National Government to "step in and put his hand into the pockets of the poor people" who travelled small distances. He hoped that the Transport Member would accept his motion.

Dr. Matthai, Railway Member, announced that Government had decided that the increase of 6-1/4 per cent in passenger fares "shall not apply to fares below eight annas, including those of season tickets between points where a single journey fare is below eight annas."

If they accepted, Sardar Mangal Singh's proposal, Government stood to lose somewhere about Rs. 1-3/4 crores to Rs. 2 crores and on the proposal the Railway Member had made the amount they should probably lose was about Rs. 85 lakhs "and we feel it is as far as we can go."

Mr. N. K. Joshi moved a cut to discuss "the failure of the Railway Board to implement the Interim Settlement with the All-India Railwaymen's Federation."

RELATIONS WITH LABOUR

Dr. Matthai said that he was not concerned at all in the negotiations that took place last year but he was satisfied that in all the decisions the Railway Board had come to, they were not in the least actuated by any desire to back out of the engagements which they reached with the All-India Railwaymen's Federation. Government were anxious that their relations with their labour should be placed on a really satisfactory footing and they would take every step necessary towards that purpose. He hoped that Mr. Joshi and his colleagues would give them the fullest co-operation in this matter.

Mr. Joshi said that he never questioned the motives of the Railway Board but their action resulted in failure to implement the terms.

The motion was rejected.

The House passed the remaining demands for grants and adjourned till to-morrow.

INTERPELLATIONS ON FRONTIER POLICY

Pandit Nehru said in a reply to Sri Krishna Dutt that no final conclusions had been reached about Government's Frontier policy. As the Advisory Committee of the Constituent Assembly would presumably deal with the tribal area, it was proposed to await the report of that Committee before any final conclusions were reached.

"The general policy aimed at the well-being of the tribal areas and the maintenance of peace. While this objective was clear, the means to achieve it had to be carefully considered.

Pandit Nehru said in reply to another question that Government were desirous of maintaining friendly relations with the Fakir of Ipi.

ATOM RESEARCH

Mr. B. K. Gokhale, Secretary, Works, Mines and Power, said in reply to Mr. Tamizuddin Khan that there had been small occasional finds of specimens of uranium-bearing minerals from the Abraki Pahar Mica Mines and other places.

Monazite, occurred in the beach sands in Travancore State and in the coastal areas of the Madras Presidency and Orissa.

An Atomic Research Committee had been formed under the chairmanship of Prof. H. J. Bhaba. It was also proposed to establish a Uranium Unit under the Geological Survey of India in charge of Dr. K. S. Krishnan.

TRUSTEESHIP PLAN FOR PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Feb. 26, (U.P.A.): Leonard Lyons, columnist for the New York Post, claimed that United Nations officials are considering a trusteeship plan for Palestine including a "work project created from a fund of 250,000,000 to 350,000,000 dollars to develop industrial activity sufficient to absorb 1,000,000 people".

'Socialists' To Drop 'Congress' From Party Label

CAWNPORE, February 26. (A.P.I.): The members of the Congress Socialist Party will not leave the Congress but in difference to the wishes of an influential section of Congress opinion it has been proposed tha tthe word "Congress" from the name of the party should be dropped, it is gathered from top ranking Socialist leaders attending the A. I. C. S. P. C.

It is emphasised that this change is not intended to create a conflict between socialists and other congressmen but is only intended to prove that their pact has no desire to exploit the name of the Congress in a manner objected to by certain sections of congressmen.

BRITISH MOVE FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 26 (U.P.A.): A high Government source revealed to-day that Britain is exploring the possibility of bringing the Palestine issue before a special United Nations general Assembly meeting before the scheduled September session.

He said that Sir Alexander Cadogan, Britain's representative on the Security Council, opened discussions with United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie to determine whether the special session was feasible.

The source said Britain has little hope that any real progress on Palestine can be made outside the United Nations despite the statement by Foreign Secretary Bevin that he is prepared to try again to find a common ground between Jews and Arabs.

JEWS LASH AT BEVIN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 26 (A.P.A.): The Jewish Agency, through its official spokesman, lashed out to-day at Ernest Bevin's statement in the House of Commons on the Palestine situation.

The statement, the spokesman emphatically told a Press Conference, "shows a complete lack of understanding of the fundamentals of Zionism which is an attempt to solve the Jewish problem by restoring nationhood to the Jewish people."

COMMUNISTS CLAIM BIG VICTORY

SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 (U.P.A.): The Yenan Communist radio to-day claimed that the "greatest victory in the entire civil war" was scored in the Tsnian area where the "Shantung Nationalist Division was annihilated" as the Red Forces captured Laiwei and Sintai, 50 and 75 miles, respectively, south-east of the Nationalist capital of Shantung Province at Tsinan.

Previously, the Communists reported that 100,000 Red troops in another operation crossed the Sungari River in Manchuria.

NO MORE TALKS WITH BRITAIN

Egypt Determined To Take Sudan Question To U.N.O.

CAIRO, Feb. 26, (Reuter): Egypt cannot accept the Syrian Lebanese offer to get Egypt and Britain to resume direct negotiations on the Sudan issue and is determined to go ahead and submit her case to the United Nations, a prominent official in close touch with the Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashy Pasha, told Reuter today.

The official said that the mediation offer was in the form of a "friendly advice" to Egypt and did not embody any specific suggestion which could form a fresh basis for resumption of negotiations.

He said that even if direct talks were resumed, there would soon be a deadlock since all possible avenues of agreement had been explored.

In any event, he said, Egyptian public opinion was completely opposed to resumption of direct talks as it was convinced that Britain wanted to make the Sudan a crown colony.

WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH TROOPS FROM EGYPT

LONDON, Feb. 26, (A.P.A.): A. V. Alexander, Minister of Defence, told the House of Commons today that the British Army was preparing to complete the military evacuation of the Delta area by March 31.

His statement was made in reply to a question from Commander R. Marsden, Conservative, who asked if the military evacuation of Egypt, apart from the Suez Canal area, had now been completed.

In reply to a suggestion that the British were taking a long time in the evacuation, Alexander said that in view of the amount of material that had to move they were not doing too badly.

Kolhapur Prime Minister Blames Bagal

The Prime Minister of Kolhapur writes:—

The Government are given to understand that the reason for Mr. M. K. Bagal's fast is that the Government have not kept their promises to him. This allegation is entirely false. The Government have made their position clear in several press notes and reiterate it for the information of the public. On January 13th, shortly after the Government servants stayed away from office, Mr. Bagal and his friends had a long discussion with the Council. At this meeting general agreement was reached and it was also agreed by all present, including Mr. Bagal, that matters of detail would not be discussed. Inspite of his promise to do so, Mr. Bagal was unable to persuade the Government servants to return to work immediately. The Government however, implemented the agreement and, as soon as possible, published the terms of relief they had sanctioned to their servants. Mr. Bagal thereupon wrote to the Prime Minister making certain demands which however, were entirely matters of detail. The Prime Minister made it clear that he was always ready to discuss questions of principle, but Mr. Bagal persisted again in raising only matters of detail. The Prime Minister, therefore, finally wrote that while the Council would consider his proposals with an open mind but in the light of the agreement of the 13th January, there was, in the Council's opinion, no need for further discussion. In view of this the Government cannot see any reason for Mr. Bagal to charge them with not carrying out their assurances.

36,000 TONS OF U. S. FOOD GRAINS FOR INDIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25, (Reuter): India will receive 18,000 long tons of wheat and 18,000 long tons of grain sorghum under the United States exports allocation for April, it was announced by the Department of Agriculture today.

China will get 9,000 long tons of wheat and Japan and the Ryukyu Islands 63,000 long tons of wheat, 7,000 long tons of flour, 63,000 long tons corn, 18,000 long tons of grain sorghum and 8,000 long tons of barley.

(A long ton is a ton of 2,240 pounds in common use in Britain).

The Department of Agriculture officials said that whether or not the total of these allocations will actually leave United States ports during April will depend on unshipped ballances of previous allocations and on the transportation and shipping situation.

The officials said that their purchases of the 1946 crop of wheat, needed to meet the 1946 to 1947 allocations had been "virtually completed".

ARGENTINE MEAT SHIPMENT TO BRITAIN

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 25, (Reuter): A spokesman of the Argentine Foreign Ministry tonight said that the Ministry "officially knows nothing" of reports that Argentina is to ship to Britain 75 or 100 per cent of her exportable meat surplus or about published dispatches from London that the British Government had appealed to the Argentine Government for increased shipments of meat.

The reports were erroneously credited to a ministry spokesman.

Earthquake Tremor In Tokyo

TOKYO, Feb. 25, (Reuter): The heaviest earthquake tremor since the December disaster rocked Tokyo at about 8.15 local time this morning. In some instances crockery was swept off breakfast tables.

Reports from other parts of the country have not yet come in but it is thought nothing serious will be reported.

REFUSAL OF PASSPORT TO DADOO AND NAICKER

Unwatranted And Arbitrary, Says Gandhiji

HAIMCHAR, (TIPPERAH) Feb. 26, (A.P.I.): "The Union Government will not be able to sustain their anti-Asiatic policy by such an action" said Mahatma Gandhi in a press statement here today referring to a news about the Union Government's refusal of passport and impounding of certificate of identity for Dr. Dadoo and Naickar. He added that the action was wholly unwarranted and arbitrary if the facts stated in the cablegram he had received in this connection were correct.

Mahatma Gandhi hoped that either there were some justifying peremptory reasons for refusal and impounding or that second thought would convince the Government that it was a hasty step and therefore could be cancelled.

LEAGUE PLANS FOR INDEPENDENT SIND

KARACHI, Feb. 26 (UPI).—From the talk with the President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League, Mr. Yusuf Haroon, the United Press of India gathered that the Sind Muslim League, in the light of the British Premier's statement, is preparing for the stage to take over power from Britain as a sovereign State by June, 1948.

The Provincial League Council's demand for the establishment of a radio station in Sind, the formation of Home Guards, and the move to allow possession of swords without any restrictions are all stated to be steps in this direction. The Sind University Bill with all its characteristics is also intended to meet the needs of Independent Sind.

DETENTION OF HURS TO CONTINUE

KARACHI, Feb. 26 (API). The Sind Assembly secret session lasting for over four hours today considered the Hur problem in the province and passed the Government bill to continue in detention without trial about 800 Hurs. These Hurs had been arrested during the Martial law period and had been kept in detention under the Defence of India rules which expired in September last. An ordinance was then issued by the Sind Governor to continue them in detention.

The Government, it is emphasised, has a long range policy to reclaim Hurs and about 14,000 Hurs and their families are lodged in detention camps constructed at a cost of over Rs. 20 lakhs.

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Off My Chest

Now that we are on the eve of Swaraj, let us pause and think what sort of freedom we are going to carve out for ourselves.

Freedom from the British is meaningless if we do not know how to use it.

Today in this country—and even in this province—the concept of self-Government and of democracy is often distorted, maimed and made to look ugly.

How many of us have that uprightness of character, so necessary in a nation in a crisis?

There are still black-markets functioning in every commodity in which there is any shortage. Bribery and corruption are still to be found in Government departments.

Why?

The anti-corruption drive appears to have slackened in pace and often has nothing to report.

The state of this city is shocking. The roads are not watered. Whole areas STINK at night and in places, which are congested, the odour is really obnoxious.

Why?

We have built-up this idea of the common man and his equal rights but the common man doesn't seem to care at all what happens to the rest of the population. The Municipal Sweepers, whom we supported in their strike, now keep stacks of filth untouched over week-ends because of the new social order for which they struck.

Have you known any city of the world, however socialist where garbage is left untouched even for a day? There must be shifts to attend to this. There must be some planning in keeping this city clean and healthy.

Our Ministers are always talking about the villages—but what about the nerve-centres of this country, the big towns? While the village must have adequate attention, must the towns and cities rot?

Then there are beggars. There are lepers allowed to roam the streets. If we have Government and Municipality controlled by ourselves should they not arrange to keep the ordinary healthy citizen away from the diseased and the dirty?

Give me one responsible police officer to roam with and I'll show him the sights The Corporation appears to be unaware of them.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 21st day of February 1947.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	23,87,14,000
Notes in circulation	1233,40,35,000
Total Notes issued	1257,27,49,000
Total Liabilities	1257,27,49,000

ASSETS	Rs.
A, Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,45,000
Sterling Securities	1135,32,89,000
Total of A	1179,74,34,000
B. Rupee Coin	19,69,01,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	57,84,14,000
Total Assets	1257,27,49,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 93.833 per cent.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government of India	451,14,58,000
(2) Government of Burma	11,68,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	19,77,14,000
(b) Banks	76,62,08,000
(c) Others	13,21,35,000
Bills Payable	5,35,13,000
Other Liabilities	13,86,98,000
Rupees	590,09,14,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	23,87,14,000
Rupee Coin	10,71,000
Subsidiary, Coin	1,76,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Government Treasury Bills	3,18,75,000
Balances held abroad at	487,20,88,000
Other Loans and Advances	1,50,000
Investments	46,26,62,000
Other Assets	29,41,98,000
Rupees	590,09,14,000

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

	Bombay, Feb. 26.
2-3/4 p c 1948/52	100/12
2-3/4 p c 1960	101/1
2-1/2 p c 1961	99/6
3 p c 1949/52	100/13
3 p c 1951/54	102/4
3 p c 1953/55	102/7
3 p c 1957 V L	102/9
3 p c 1959/61	102/7
4 p c B P T	112/0
5 p c M Deb	121/8
6 p c B P T	125/0
3 p c 1963/65	102/6
3 p c 1966/68	102/6
3 p c 1970/75	102/8
3 p c 1986 New	102/6
3-1/2 p c 1947/50	102/0
4 p c 1960/70	112/12
4 p c 1963 Kar. Muni	114/0
4-1/2 p c 1955/60	170/0
4 p c M Debenture	113/0
6 p c M Debenture	125/0

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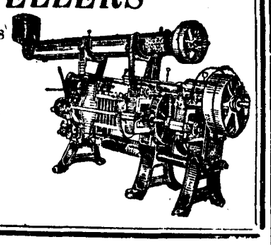

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Awaiting Inter-Party Settlement Is Like Putting Cart Before Horse, Declares Lord Listowel

TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE MUSLIM LEAGUE ENTERED THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WAS, IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE, DECLARED LORD LISTOWEL, POST-MASTER GENERAL, REPLYING TO THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS ON THE BRITISH DECISION TO QUIT INDIA BY JUNE 30, 1948.

He added, "So long as any party believes that it can rely on British protection, it can surely with comparative safety refuse to compromise with its adversaries and may secretly hope in the long run to obtain British support for its extreme claims."

Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary for India, began by saying: "I rise with a profound sense of responsibility which I know will be shared by all those who take part in this debate. I shall endeavour to place before you the reasons which have prompted the British Government to take this momentous step and to give some answer to some questions which have been raised".

Amid cheers, Lord Pethick-Lawrence paid a personal tribute to Viscount Wavell—"The Great Viceroy" who was shortly laying down his high office. "The sincerity and devotion of Viscount Wavell to his most difficult and baffling task have rightly won the respect of all those with whom he has been brought in contact. I recall with appreciation his inspiring efforts in conjunction with myself and other members of the Cabinet Mission in our endeavours to reach an agreement among the Indians on the basis for a Constituent Assembly and to provide for the Government of India in the interim period".

Coming to the political aspect, Lord Pethick-Lawrence said that Viscount Templewood had given a very clear presentation of sincerely held views. "I have no doubt he felt a conviction that he was facing reality and that the British Government put forward their views without very much appreciation of where they were going. But I feel that Viscount Templewood was living in an unreal world, a dream world"

NEW STAGE

"The real facts were that for the last 20 years, progress towards self-Government had been going on—progress to which all parties in the state had contributed. "We have reached now a new stage when, as it were, the balance has begun to tilt and a large share of power and responsibility has been transferred already to Indian hands".

It was not possible to deal with the situation as though it were exactly as it was before. That was not due mainly to the policy adopted by the British Government. Today it was the natural and inevitable result of the policies adopted during previous administrations.

Speaking in a voice that could not always be clearly heard in the Press gallery, Lord Pethick-Lawrence referred to the fact that during the war, India's civil service and police had not been refreshed and brought up to date and the time had come to consider whether recruitment should be renewed in the teeth of strong opinion in India.

Government were confronted broadly with two alternatives—either they could go back or go forward.

"If we went forward", he said, "we must rather more rely on the good sense and co-operation of the different parties in India or we must be prepared, in the event of oppositional disagreement, to start all over again the unhappy procedure of arrest imprisonment, imprisonment without trial and come into direct conflict with what was a rapidly growing and determind body of people in India".

"A vast majority of people of all parties in this country, with perhaps a few exceptions, concurred in the view that Government should go forward. If Britain had attempted for a short while to restore the old opposition of complete control by the British Raj in India, it would be necessary to guarantee that we would stay in India for 10, 15 or even more years".

As soon as they came into office, the Government decided on a different course from that—a course which would enable an endeavour to be made to build the structure of complete Indian self-Government.

POSITION OF STATES

"I think it is sensible and I think no exception can be taken to it. It is an indication that there may be some slight variation in the position between the crown and the states".

Viscount Templewood intervening said that he had asked what would be the general line in dealing with the Princes and whether there would be simultaneous transference of powers to the states as to the Government of India.

Lord Pethick-Lawrence: "I do not think I can answer that categorically. As I have said, in the interim period there is necessarily and naturally certain shifting of balance of power. No doubt. When it comes to the states there is some change already beginning, I would beg him not to cross-question me to closely on these very delicate points, because it is very unwise I should give answers. I think the position is perfectly clear and that I have dealt with the points fairly".

SAFEGUARDS OF MINORITIES

"He (Viscount Templewood) felt very deeply the difference between this statement and the statement of May 25 with regard to the minorities. I would like to draw attention to some facts.

"The major parties in India have all stated their willingness to provide full safeguards for the minorities in the constitution in the form of fundamental rights and other necessary conditions. Since we have issued our statement of May 25, important developments have taken place in accordance with our proposals. The Constituent Assembly has appointed an Advisory Committee. A resolution passed by the Constituent Assembly defining the objectives of that body laid it down that in the constitution to be framed there shall be guaranteed and secured to all people of India, justice, social, economic and political, equality of status, opportunity before the law, freedom of thought, expression etc.,

"It was provided that there should be adequate safeguards for the minorities of tribal and backward areas.

DATE OF TRANSFER

"Now I come to the question of the date for the transfer of power to Indian hands. It will be evident that transfer of power has been approaching; that it has been steadily going on for the last 20 years and that this process cannot be indefinitely continued of leaving nominal responsibility for events in our hands while lacking the means of fully exercising that responsibility."

"The advice we have received from responsible authorities in India has been that, taking all circumstances into account, British rule cannot be maintained on its existing basis with adequate efficiency after 1948.

"The policy pursued in recent years by successive British Governments had assumed that full power must be handed over sooner or later and that when the time came, Indians would be found capable of assuming authority. We cannot now import the conception that Indian leaders are incapable of bearing that responsibility and the fixing of an early date is designed to impress upon the Indian parties, first of all, the complete sincerity of the Government in their promise to transfer power and secondly, a sense of the urgency of finding a solution of their outstanding difficulties themselves without the assistance and control of this country.

"Substitution of a slightly later date would not make it appreciably more easy to procure a more detailed constitutional structure."

Lord Pethick Lawrence continued, "Had the British Government decided on a date giving a period running into years, I think we should have failed to produce the psychological effect on the Indian parties which our statement was designed to produce. With the date announced, there will be ample time for the main decisions and agreements to be reached between the Indian parties if they are willing to arrive at an agreement and for a great deal of details to be filled in. If the task is not fully accomplished, it will be possible for Britain to hand over power to a provisional government which can accomplish the remaining part of the task."

Lord Pethick-Lawrence appealed to the House of Lords to weigh their words in the debate not once, but two or three times. Every word spoken in Parliament, he said, was cabled out to India and words which were used with quite good intentions might be entirely misrepresented when they appeared in cold print in an Indian newspaper.

"If this policy of the British Government is to have effect, I do feel that the value of its impact should not be seriously injured by anything which is said in this House. When the time comes and the debate is over, your Lordships will have to consider whether you wish to divide on this motion. It is not for me to say whether in your judgment you should take course or not. But I do feel that if you should decide to cary this motion to a division and that division goes against Government, it would considerably weaken our means of effecting our desires in India and very likely weaken the very purpose of which Viscount Templewood spoke so eloquently."

LISTOWEL REPLIES

Replying to the debate, Lord Listowel, Post-Master General and former Under-Secretary of India, said that he was sure that Lord Selbourne did not wish to suggest that the Cabinet Mission was indifferent to the wishes of the untouchables. They were represented in the Constituent Assembly and to that extent they would be able to look after their own interests. They would be protected in the same way as other minorities by whatever safeguards were introduced into the new constitution.

To Lord Newall he said, "There is not going to be an evacuation of India—evacuation was the word he used—but transfer of power from Britain to responsible Indian hands."

WARNING TO LEAGUE

Lord Listowel said that everyone hoped that the Muslim League as well as the Congress would eventually take active part in the working of the Constituent Assembly. That afforded the best prospect to any settlement.

But to say as some of the opposition did, that the Government should wait until the Muslim League entered the Constituent Assembly was, in the Government's view, putting the cart before the horse.

"So long as any party believes that it can rely on British protection, it can surely with comparative safety refuse to compromise with its adversaries and may secretly hope in the long run to obtain British support for its extreme claims.

To say that after the year 1948 our authority can no longer be enforced means that the parties will be obliged to settle their differences and the whole responsibility will be thrown on their shoulders and an opportunity will be given for the exercise of that statesmanship which we have all assumed to be possessed by leaders of Indian opinion.

That is one important reason why a date should be fixed in advance of an agreement between the parties and not subsequently. The reports that we have received so far indicate that the Prime Minister's statement has had a favourable reception. In my recollection, no statement on British policy has been treated with a more general approval".

UNREASONABLE

It is unreasonable for the house to decide now that the Government's policy was a threat to the peace and prosperity of India, when till now no Indian had endorsed that view. Government's statement, he said, had been praised by Hindu and Muslim papers.

The opposition should give the Government time to see how its policy worked when tested in the light of experience. Events could show whether it was a failure or a success. That would be wiser than deciding now without further evidence, that Government had already failed in its purpose.

Dealing with economic difficulties in India, Lord Listowel said that some logical change could only be brought about among the peasants for the use of modern technique in agriculture, by example, teaching and devotion of Indian national leaders. A substantial improvement in the production of foodstuffs by peasants must depend on an inspiring lead from their own political leaders.

Lord Listowel said, "I submit there is really no satisfactory alternative to the Government's policy and that is why we have had only one speech suggesting any alternative this afternoon (Lord Scarborough's).

"I am certain that any alternative that postponed the transfer of power in India until after the parties reach an agreement and a constitution is prepared, would be both impractical and distasteful. Time is the essence of our contract in India and the consequences of further substantial delay in the transfer of power would be fatal both to us and to India.

"We shall always remain linked to India by a variety of interests and ties of associations and not the least by the firm resolve to raise the standard of living of the common man and of preserving peace wherever and by whomever it is threatened.

The debate was then adjourned till tomorrow.

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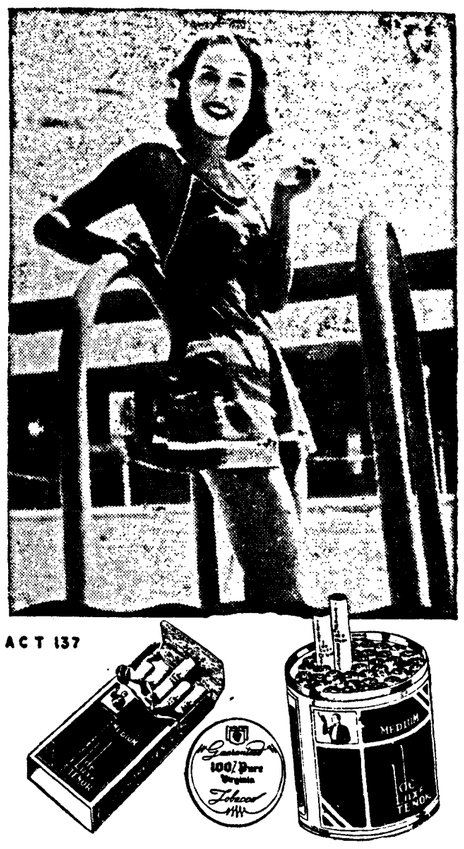
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Gandhiji Says 'Netaji Will Remain Immortal To India'

HAIMCHAR (TIPPERAH), Feb. 25, (A. P. I.): "Netaji will remain immortal for all time to come for his services to India" said Mahatma Gandhi to Mr. Debenath Das, Secretary of the I. N. A. Peace Committee, in the course of a talk this morning. Mr. Das apprised Gandhiji of the work done by peace committee camps in Tipperah and Noakhali. There are 40 camps of the Committee in the affected areas of the districts. Boys and girls of all communities are being trained by former I. N. A. men according to Netaji's ideals.

Earlier about 50 boys and girls from Chandipur, who came yesterday, presented a guard of honour to Mahatmaji when the latter came out of his residence for the morning walk. They also saluted him with shouts of "Jai-Hind" which Mahatmaji gladly accepted.

Paul Robeson To Quit Stage For Good

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25 (Reuter): Paul Robeson, the famous Negro singer who is at present visiting Portland Oregon, has announced that he is to forsake the concert stage permanently. He is to devote the rest of his life towards bettering race relations in the United States.

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Sharp Rise In Tata Steel Shares

COTTON MOVES UP ON EXPECTATION OF REDUCTION IN EXPORT DUTY

Bullion Market Steady With Moderate Turnover

BOMBAY, Feb. 26.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was fairly steady today with pre-Budget short covering in Tata Steel Shares while cotton mill shares failed to show any marked change.

Now two days are left for the Central Budget and during this period we do not expect any material change. Some traders are inclined to look for some increase in corporation and Income Tax.

However, our industries are facing other important problems which will have direct influence on earnings. The money market remains tight and it is not known whether the money demand is seasonal or beginning of dear money period. There is shortage of coal and labour unrest. Cost of living is still going up in this country and Government measures so far have had little influence. Unless these factors clear up investor will be cautious also though present quotations seem very attractive as compared with high levels reached.

Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened today at Rs. 2527 and advanced at Rs. 2570 and steadied at Rs. 2565. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 462 and improved at Rs. 465 Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2595 and declined at Rs. 2570 but rallied at Rs. 2595. Kohinoor Shares opened at Rs. 828 and after declining at Rs. 820 advanced at Rs. 830 Swadeshi Mill Shares opened at Rs. 752 and after declining at Rs. 745 improved at Rs. 754 and steadied at Rs. 751.

Thereafter there was further support and Tata Steel Dfds. improved at Rs. 2585 and Ordinary shares hardened at Rs. 468 Kohinoors were done at Rs. 830 and Swadeshi Shares were placed at Rs. 755 Simplex Shares were quoted at Rs. 372 and Gokaks stood at Rs. 351/4. Central Banks were quoted at Rs. 129/8 while Associated Cements changed hands at Rs. 200.

There was active buying and the market closed at about the highest of the day. As a result of day's working Tata Steel Dfds. gained Rs. 70, Ordinary Rs. 12/8, Bombay Dyeing Rs. 12/8. Kohinoor Rs. 8. Swadeshi Rs. 9 Nagpur Rs. 5 and Simplex Rs. 13.

MILLS SHARES

Bombay Dyeing 2607/8 Kohinoor 837 Swadeshi 760 Nagpur 369 Simplex 378 New Great 460 Gokak 357 Indore 670 Century 1050 Colaba 295 Indian Bleaching 177 Swan 434 Finlay 366 Morarji 760 Edward 710 Meyer 383/8 Apollo 5/1 I. U. Ordinary 16/11 I. U. Defd. 4/3 Madhusudan 510 Podar 367/8 Khatav 385.

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord. 473 Tata Steel Dfd. 260/4 Second Pref. 166.

CEMENT

Associated Merger 201/8.

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Burma 561/4 Bellapur 290 Shivrajpur 46/8 Scindia 37/4 P. Construction 270 Tata Chemical 17/4 Tata Oil 100 Indian Iron 44/6 Bengal Steel 34/10.

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tram Ordinary 117 Tata Hydro 184 Andhra 1625 Tata Power 177/8

MILLS (CASH).

Elphinstone 100 Phoenix 1355 India Manufacturing 4300 Kooria 330 Dawn 1600 David 180 New City 275 Minerva 300 Bradbury 700 Bharucha (Defd.) 9 Bharat 61 Mysore 330 Madhavji 20 Model 261/4 Laxmi 1870 Vishnu 725 Western 4300 Standard 612/8 Sholapur 7400 Sassoon Cotton 24/8 Hindustan 4300 Tata 117 Ahmedabad Advance 530 Sassoon Silk 101 New Union 26/14 Madhusudan B. 100 Shrinivas 440 Raja Bahadur 116/4 Berar 375 Victoria 425.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 166/4 (New) 125 Surat (Old) 243/12 New Pre. 211/4 Karachi 240 Broach 13 Ajmer 15/2 Amalgamated 20/4 Jalgaon 14/12 Nagpur 58 Poona 260 Bombay Suburban 202/8 Bombay Suburban (New) 164/10

BANK SHARES

Reserve 132/12 Imperial 2470 P. P. 621/4 Central 133 India 252/8 Union 13/12 Baroda 178/8 Habib 197/8 A. B. C. 56 Dena Bank 70/8 United Commercial 95/8 Jaipur 76 Bikaner 31 Hindustan Co. 58 National Savings (fully paid) 82 Mysore 505 Exchange (Ord.) 58 Eastern 112 Bombay Provincial 85.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 563/12 Steamer 605 Burma New 197/8 Burma Petrol 4/2/6 Mackenzie 185 Port Canning 90 Kemp 575 Zandu Pharmacy 203/8 Indian Radio (Ord.) 377/4 Indian Radio B. 375 Indian Radio 362/8 Indian Investment Trust 121 Wimco 655 Dharamsey Chemical 43/8 Mukund Iron 14/12 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 355 Supreme India 228 Jamwire 141/8 Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 390 United Motor 70 A. C. C. New 86.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 225 Tram 52 Andhra Valley 1370 Tata Power 1422/8 Hydro 146/4 Bombay Steamer 348/12 Nagpur 717/8 Swadeshi 150 Vishnu 805 Laxmi 306/4 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 131/4 Bradbury 553/12 Surat Elec. 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 153/12 (2nd Pref.) 122/8 Amalgamated 156/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 122/8 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 107.

OUTSIDE SHARES.

Indian Copper 4/3 B. I. Co. 11 Burma Corporation 5/2 New Victoria 7/4 New Victoria Preference 8/4 Raja 40 Phalton 140 Gold Mohar 405 New Kaiser Hind 470 Sajjan 375 Osmanshahi 385 Ajam Shahi 395 Air Services 20 Birla Motors 8/13 Marshall 9/8 Air India Premium 175.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb. 26

The local cotton market was fairly steady to-day with scattered buying. Now it being Budget time some traders believe that the export duty on raw cotton which is now Rs. 40 per candy will be reduced to Rs. 20 while the import duty of annas two will remain as it is. This belief induced scattered buying but after early buying the market quietened with restricted business.

May delivery opened at Rs. 444 and advanced at Rs. 444/12 on some buying but reacted at Rs. 444/4 under scattered selling

Thereafter there was scattered buying which improved May contract at Rs. 445 and March was quoted at Rs. 432. July was done at Rs. 457 and September business was reported at Rs. 465.

There was steady short covering which improved March at Rs. 433 and May at Rs. 446/8. The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:

I C C March	.....	432 12	0
I C C May		446 0	0
I C C July	.....	458 2	0
I C C Sept.	.....	466 2	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 1607 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.
BOMBAY, Feb. 24.

	Hi.	Lo.	Closing.
March	430-1/4	430	430
May	443-3/4	441-1/2	443-3/8
July	455-1/4	453-1/2	454-7/8
Sept.	463	461-1/2	462-5/8
Karachi 4F March	46-2-0	45-9-0	46-2-0

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Feb. 26

There was increased activity in Gold to-day on expectation of increase in import duty in the forthcoming Budget while Silver was inactive with moderate business passing. It is true that domestic Gold price is too high and foreign countries will be tempted to sell at a handsome price. At the moment the outlook is uncertain with increased speculative activity.

Fagan delivery Silver opened today at Rs. 152 and declined at Rs. 151/2 under increased long liquidation but steadied at Rs. 151/6 on scattered buying. Ready Silver was quoted at a premium of Rs. 5/8 at Rs. 156/14.

Gold for Fagan delivery opened at Rs. 95/4 and advanced at Rs. 95/12 under speculative buying but declined at Rs. 94/10 on general profit-taking. At this level there was renewed buying and the price rallied at Rs. 94/12. Ready Gold was quoted at a premium of Rs. 9 at Rs. 103/12 while Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 66/8.

Later on Silver was neglected and scattered business was done at Rs. 151/4 for Fagan delivery but Gold for Fagan delivery was done at Rs. 95.

The market finally closed as under:

Ready Silver	.....	157 2	0
Fagan Delivery	.....	150 14	0
Ready Gold	.....	104 0	0
Fagan Delivery	.....	94 14	0

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Feb. 26

The Produce market was fairly steady with moderate business passing. Ready Castorseeds were in demand at Rs. 142. Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 124 and improved at Rs. 124/2. At this level there was some realising and the market reached at Rs. 123/12. Groundnut Oil was privately quoted at Rs. 24. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—	
Khandesh Ready	Unquoted
Coromandal Ready	Unquoted
Bold	Unquoted
LINSEEDS—	
Ready	30 0 0
February March	26 14 0
April May	26 3 0
CASTORSEEDS—	
Navlakhi Ready	27 12 0
February March Navlakhi	26 12 0
Goa Ready	27 4 0
Bombay Ready	27 2 0
May Delivery	124 10 0
GROUNDNUTS OIL—	
Bombay Mills	12 14 0
Linseed Oil	21 0 0
Castorseed Oil	18 12 0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE
Bombay, Feb. 26.

Tata Ordinary 473 Tata Deferred 2606/4 Indian Iron 44/6 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 34/10 Bombay Dyeing 2607/8 Central India 368/12 Gokak 356/14 Kohinoor 836/14 Simplex 378 Swadeshi 760 Tata Power 1727/8 Associated Cement 201/8 Belapur 290 Bombay Burma (Old) 562/4 Scindia 37/4 Central Bank 133/2 New India 96/4 Tata 2nd Pref. 166/4

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 26.

MILLS

Apollo 5/1 4/15/6 5/1
Bharat 60/8 60 61
Bharucha Defd. 9
B. Dyeing 2600 2570 80 67/8 95 92/8 2610 2/8 10 7/8
Bradbury 700
C. India 363 57 65 64 69
Colaba 292/8 95
B. Textiles 700 20 10
Elphinstone Ord. 100
Finlay 362 64 59 62 59 68 66
Gokak 353 50 52 48 50 48 57
I. U. Defd 4/2 4/3 4/1 4/3
I. U. Ord. 18/5 18 18/4 18/2 18/11
Indore 662/8 45 51/4 47/8 76/4 70
Khatau 385
Kohinoor 829 30 22 26 24 25 20 29 26 32 30 42 37
Laxmi Cotton 1870
Meyer 282/8 85 83/12
Model 261/4
Morarji 760
New Great 456 48 59 58 61/8 60
Phoenix 1352/8 55
Podar 362/8 64/6 61/4 67/8
Rajabahadur Ord 116/4
Simplex 365 66 59 75 72 79 78
Swadeshi 751 53 43 47 42 54 53 58 55 60
Swan 430 34
Tata Mills 118 16/8 17
Vishnu 730 25

BANKS

Baroda 178/8
Central 130/8 32 29/8 33
Exchange 63
Imperial Old 2455 70
Imperial New 620 21/4
India 251/8 52/8
Reserve 131 32 31/8 32/8
Union 13/12
U. Commercial 96 95/8

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 167/8 66/4
Andhravalley 1625
B. Tram Ord 117 116 17/8 17
Tram Pref 53 53/4
Tata Hydro 185/8 84
Tata Power 1727/8 25 27/8
Tata Power Pref. 1425 32/8

INSURANCE

New India 96/8 97/8 96 96/8

STEAMER

B. Steam 606/4 10
Scindia 36/14 37 36/8 37/4 37/2 37/4

STEEL

B. Steel 33/12 33/10 33/14 33/12 34/4 34 34/10
I. Iron 43 43/7 43/4 43/14 43/12 44/6
Tata Defd. 2530 25 50 37/8 42/8 25 35 32/8 50 27/8 70 65 67/8 60 30 75 92/8 77/8 92/8 87/8 2600 2595 2602/8 2592/8 2601/4.
Tata Ord 462 65 62/8 63/8 60/8 66 65 65/8 65 66 65/8 70/8 69/8 73
Tata IInd Pref 165 66/4 66

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 567/8 66/4
A. C. C. Old 200 197/8 201/8
A.C.C. New 87 86
Belapur 283 82 84 82 87 84 90 86 89 87 90
B. B. Old 552/8 58/12 52/8 55 50 55 52/8 65 61/4
B. B. New 200
B. B. Petrol 4/2/6 4/4 4/3/6
I. Bleaching 177 76/12 77
Port Canning 90
P. Construction 259 55 72 70
Shivrajpur 46 46/8
Tata Chemical 17/4 17/8 17/4
Tata Oil 98 99 98 100
Wimco 655 56/4 50

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 126/4 25
Thakker Co. 300

Persistent Selling In New York Cotton After Early Firmness

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.

Cotton opened firm 34 to 11 higher, on renewed covering in March following the issuance of only one notice for 100 bales against contract on the first notice day. Accumulation of mill buying influenced the entire list with newcrops again responding to covering. Prices then reacted, losing most of the earlier gains owing to increased profit-taking and some hedges which chiefly reflected technical considerations. Approaching noon, the market steadied on trade support and emphasis on predominance of bullish factors. The noon rally proved shortlived, the market breaking sharply under aggressive liquidation which found support now poor with trade demand less urgent and speculative interest dry up suddenly. There was not much to account for the sudden weakening though it was partly associated with the easiness of securities. Occasional rallies quickly attracted further offerings and the market persistently fell away until touching low marks of the session around the close. The indifference of buyers is thought to reflect the need for fresh bullish incentives which could also mean that known bullish factors are temporarily discounted. The market closed easy 56 to 34 lower. Sales are estimated at 325 thousand bales.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, Feb. 25.

March	34.27—41
May	33.18—44
May highest	33.90+28
May lowest	33.16—46
July	31.21—56
October	28.40—50
December	27.60—43
January	27.35—43
Middling Spot	34.65—43

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March	34.13—51
May	33.21—53
July	31.30—46
October	28.45—51
December	27.55—45
Middling Spot	33.70—45

LONDON BULLION.
London, Feb. 25.

Silver: Spot 46 d., Forward 44-1/2 d.
Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

CHICAGO WHEAT.
CHICAGO, Feb. 25.

March 2.37-1/2 to 2.38-1/2.
May 2.27 to 2.27.
July 2.06 to 2.07
September 2.00 to 2.00.

DISPOSALS

The Regional Commissioner Disposals, Southern Circle, Bombay invites tenders for the purchase and removal of the following:—

STORES No. 1

Description	Quantity
PORPOISE	543 Nos.

LOCATION: M. T. S. S. Depot, Kirkee.
SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE. Tender No. RCS/11023/V-6.
LAST DATE DUE: By 4 p.m. on 25th March, 1947.
Offers should be sent to this office and should remain open for acceptance up to 23rd April, 1947.
TENDER FORMS giving full particulars of the stores available can be obtained from this office on payment of Rs. 5/- per set.
Delivery will be ex-site and must be completed within 15 days from the date of acceptance of offer.

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18" stroke Benent nibs slotting machine with electric motor 440/3/50 AC	One	Vizagapatam.
7 ft. table "Cincinnatti" 'Hydr vertical boring and turning machine.	One	Vizagapatam.
Pipe threading and cutting on machine and equipment.	One	Vizagapatam.
Plate bending rolls capacity 32" wide x 1" thick plate motor drive.	One	Vizagapatam.
	Two	Bombay.
Electric Arc Welding set portable (a) Single operator 300 amps.	Two	Bombay.
(b) Double operator 300, 240 200 amps. respectively.	Nine	Bombay.
	Two	Vizagapatam.
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SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE: Tender No. RCS/1228/CPM.
LAST DATE DUE: 17 March, 1947.
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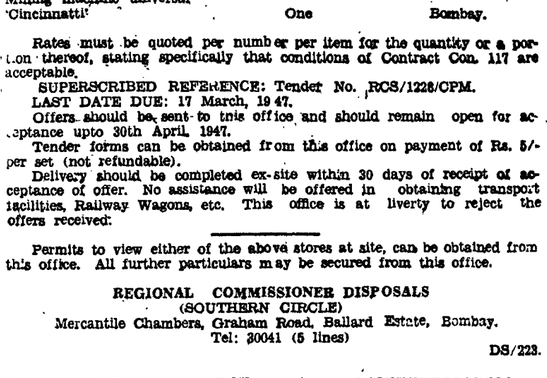

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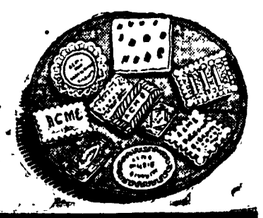

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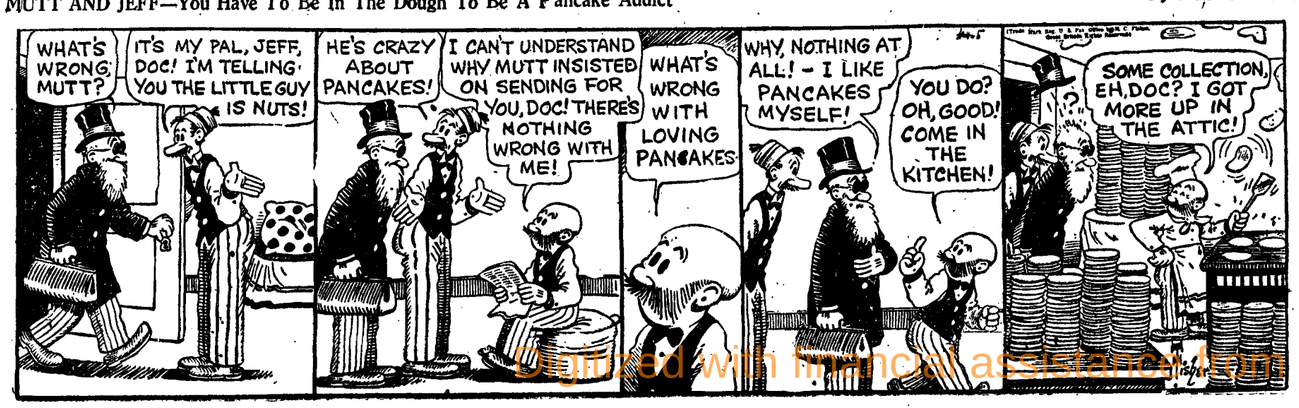
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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE MUNICIPAL VEGETABLE, FRUIT & FLOWER SHOW.

On SUNDAY 2nd 10-30 A. M. to 8-30 P. M. (S. T.)

and

MONDAY, 3rd 8 A. M. To 12 Noon (S. T.) March.

AT

ELPHINSTONE CIRCLE GARDENS AND THE TOWN HALL, FORT.

(2294)

THE TEXTILE ACCESSORIES LIMITED.

(In voluntary liquidation)
RAJA BAHADUR MOTILAL MANSIONS,
28, Apollo Street, Bombay.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII OF 1913

and

In the matter of THE TEXTILE ACCESSORIES, LIMITED. (In voluntary liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of section 203E of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, that the Adjourned General Meeting of the members of the above-named Company will be held at 28, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March, 1947, at 5-0 P. M. (S. T.) in the afternoon, for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Liquidator, and also of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books, accounts, and documents of the Company, and of the liquidator thereof, shall be disposed of.

N. M. RAIJI,
Liquidator.

Dated, 26th February, 1947. (5041)

THE PHALTAN SUGAR WORKS LIMITED.

(Sakharwadi, Phalton State)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Phaltan Sugar Works, Ltd., will be held on 21st March, 1947, at 4-30 p.m (S.T.) at the Factory Office of the Company at Sakharwadi, Phaltan to transact the following business:—

1. To adopt the Directors' Report and audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1946.
2. To sanction payment of Dividend.
3. To elect Director in place of Mr. Navinchandra Mafatlal, who retires by rotation, but being eligible offers himself for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the Current Year and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business that may be brought forward by the Chairman.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from 7th March, 1947 to 6th April 1947 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
For Mafatlal, Apte & Kantilal Ltd.,
V. S. APTE,
Managing Director,
Managing Agents.

Sakharwadi, (Phaltan),
Date, 20-2-1947.

N.B.—The Dividend when declared will be made payable at the Factory Office at Sakharwadi on and after 21st April, 1947. The Dividend Warrants will be posted to those shareholders whose names stand on Company's register on 6th March, 1947. 2259

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

"MILK"

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MILK DISTRIBUTION CENTRES.

At the time of the sale of milk cards in some instances it had not been possible to state the definite address of a milk distributing centre, but it is likely general location only, to enable a purchaser to choose his centre, in such case. The definite addresses of all such centres have since been fixed and are set out in the statement below for the information of milk card holders.

2. Milk card holders who have selected any of the following CENTRE NUMBERS which have been marked on their cards, are required, therefore, to go for their milk to the respective addresses specified from the morning of 1st March 1947.

NUMBERS & ADDRESSES OF CENTRES

Morning Centre Number.	Evening Centre Number	Address
9 A	—	Municipal Marathi School, 53, Colaba Causeway Road.
—	14 A	Shops and Establishments Office, Fort Market.
—	6 B	Mandvi (Vadgadi) Municipal Hindi School, Anand Bhuvan, 102, Chinch Bunder Road.
7 B	8 B	Minera Masjid (U.P.). Urdu Boys' School, Mohomadalli Road.
9 B	10 B	Dariasthan Pathashala Mahajanwadi, Dariasthan Street.
11 B	12 B	Anant Nivas, Bhat Bazar.
13 B	14 B	Dongri (U. P.) Marathi Boys' School, Nowroji Hill Road No. 5, Near the Derby Talkies.
15 B	—	Mohomadi Baug: Sarang Street.
—	16 B	Entrance of Burhani Mosque, Sarang Street.
—	16 C	Babu Pannalal Jain High School, Mumbadevi Road
—	18 C	Bombay Education League's High School Thakurdwar.
—	26 C	'C' Ward Rationing Office, Ladwadi, Vithalbhai Patel Road.
31 C	32 C	Kalbadevi Hindi Boys' School, Dabholkar Wadi.
29 D	30 D	Sishuvidyalaya, Soman Bldg., Kennedy Bridge.
31 D	32 D	Sardar High School, Shroff House, 12th Khetwadi.
33 D	34 D	Gokhale's Educational Society's High School, Vithalbhai Patel Road.
35 D	36 D	Banganga Municipal Marathi Boys' School, Khoti's House, Dongersy Road.
37 D	38 D	Walkeshwar Road Municipal Marathi Boys' School 9, Walkeshwar Road.
39 D	40 D	Cumbala Hill Municipal Marathi Boys' School, Choksey's Building, Cumbala Hill.
41 D	42 D	Kandewadi (U. P.) Municipal Marathi Girls' School, Rajabaug Estate, Kandewadi.
43 D	44 D	Bellasis Road Municipal Marathi Boys' School, 71 Lamington Road.
45 D	46 D	Office of Swastik League, Vithalbhai Patel Road.
47 D	48 D	'D' Ward Rationing Office, Muzzaffarbad Hall, Proctor Road, Grant Road.
13 E	14 E	Byculla Station Road Municipal Marathi Girls' School, Haines Road.
15 E	16 E	Love Lane Municipal Marathi Boys' School, Panachand Bungalow, Love Lane.
17 E	18 E	Ghorapdeo Municipal Marathi Girls' School, 139, Ghorapdeo Road.
19 E	20 E	Tarwadi Municipal Marathi Boys' School, B. I. T Chawl No. 7 St. Mary Road.
21 E	22 E	Mount Road Municipal Gujarati Boys' School, Hasanbad, Mount Road, Mazagaon.
23 E	24 E	Municipal Bai Gaurabai Free Dispensary 8th Lane Kamathipura.
25 E	26 E	B. P. T. Labour Welfare Centre, Wadi Bunder.
27 E	28 E	Chinchpokli Municipal Marathi Boys' School, Bawla Building, Parel Road.
29 E	30 E	Nagpada Municipal Urdu Girls' School, Hazaria Street, Nagpada.
5 F	6 F	Morbaug Road Municipal Marathi Boys' School, Kesar Building, Morebaug.
7 F	8 F	'F' Ward (South) Rationing Office, Chamarbaug Road.
9 F	10 F	New Naigaum Road Municipal Marathi Boys' School, Ahmed Sailor Building, Naigaum.
11 F	12 F	Parel Municipal Marathi Girls' School, Sonabai Building, Parel Tank Road.
19 F	20 F	King Circle Urdu Boys' Class, B.I.T. Block Matunga Road.
27 F	28 F	St. Joseph English School, Wadala, Near Wadala Church.
29 F	30 F	Lalbaug Municipal Marathi Boys' School, Jam Bldg., Near Tata Clock, Lalbaug.
—	16 G	Bombay Education League's High School, B.D.D. Chawl No. 49, Worli.
21 G	22 G	Lady Jamshedji Road Municipal Gujarati School, Vanmali Hall.
—	26 G	Antonia D'Silva High School, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar.
27 G	28 G	Lower Mahim Municipal Gujarati Boys' School, Agar Bazar, Prabhadevi Road.
29 G	30 G	Elphinstone Bridge Municipal Marathi Boys' School, Suraj Building, Elphinstone Bridge.
31 G	32 G	Gokhale Road (South) Municipal Urdu School Ekbal House.

Bombay: 26th February, 1947.

T. E. STREATFIELD,
Milk Commissioner.
(2295)

THE MADRAS CO-OPERATIVE CENTRAL LAND MORTGAGE BANK, LIMITED.

Post Box No. 609. Luz, Mylapore, Madras 4.

PAID UP CAPITAL: Over Rs. 11 LAKHS
RESERVES: Over Rs. 20 LAKHS

PRESIDENT:
DEWAN BAHADUR C. S. RATNASABAPATI MUDALIAR, C.B.E..

2¾ PER CENT., DEBENTURES.

GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

20-year Debentures at par bearing interest at 2¾ per cent, per annum are available for investment. The debentures are secured on first mortgage of agricultural lands in the Province.

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND THE INTEREST ON THESE DEBENTURES ARE GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

The Debentures are Trust Securities and are also approved securities under the Insurance Act, 1938. THE DEBENTURES are IRREDEEMABLE for the first 10 years from the date of issue and a REDEMPTION FUND (SINKING FUND) will be constituted to pay off the debentures on maturity.

Interest will be paid by means of interest warrants payable by our bankers, which will be sent to the debenture holders a few days in advance of the due date for payment of interest. Income-tax will not be deducted at the source.

Arrangements have been made with the Bombay Provincial Co-op. Bank, Ltd., Bombay, to receive moneys for these debentures at par.

APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER PARTICULARS CAN BE HAD FROM:

M. DATTATRAYULU, B.A., C.A.I.I.B.,
Acting Secretary.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY
RELIEF BUS SERVICES.

WITH EFFECT from 27-2-1947, the following changes will be made in the timings on the Poona-Bombay route:—

CANCELLATION

The following trips will be cancelled:—

18-00	Arr. Bombay	Dep.	12-00 hours
13-00	Dep. Poona	Arr.	17-00 hours.

NEW TIMINGS

The following trips will be introduced:

5-00	Arr. Bombay	Dep.	24-00 hours
23-00	Dep. Poona	Arr.	6-00 hours

(2296)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO SPECIAL JURORS

MEMBERS of the SPECIAL JURY, summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend the High Court, on the 2nd floor, on Thursday the 27th February, 1947 at 2-45 P. M. (S. T.).

MITHAN J. LAM,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 26th February 1947. (2299)

B. B. & C. I. AND G. I. P. RAILWAYS.

REVISION IN RATES AND FARES

With EFFECT from 1st March, 1947, Passenger Fares are being revised. Until fresh stocks of tickets become available, the existing tickets will be issued with corrections made in ink in the chargeable fares.

As a result of the examination which has been conducted into the existing special or station-to-station rates, several adjustments are found to be necessary in respect to a large number of reduced rates. Details of the changes in such rates which will come into force from 1st April 1947 will be available to members of the public by reference to Rate Circulars which may be consulted at any of the stations.

S. G. PICK,
Chief Traffic Manager,
B. B. & C. I. Railway,
Bombay.

W. F. HERVEY,
Chief Traffic Manager,
G.I.P. Railway, Bombay. (2300)

G.I.P. RAILWAY.
RELIEF BUS SERVICES

WITH EFFECT from March 1st, 1947, the following additional trips will be operated:

POONA-AHMEDNAGAR ROUTE

H. M.		H. M.
7-0	D. Poona	A. 21-30
10-00	A. Ahmednagar	D. 18-30

POONA-SHOLAPUR ROUTE

H. M.		H. M.
22-00	D. Poona	A. 05-00
05-30	A. Sholapur	D. 21-30

POONA-NIRA ROUTE

H. M.		H. M.
13-00	D. Poona	A. 19-00
15-00	A. Nira	D. 17-00

(2290)

G. I. P. RAILWAY
SPECIAL NOTICE

WITH EFFECT from April 1st, 1947, timings of 47 Down and 48 Up Deccan Queen and 3 Down and 4 Up Poona Mail trains will be revised as follows:

47 DOWN			48 UP	
H. M.			H. M.	
17-00	D	Bombay	A	10-55
20-10	A	Poona	D	7-30

3 DOWN			4 UP	
H. M.			H. M.	
17-10	D	Bombay	A	11-45
21-05	A	Poona	D	7-50

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NOTICE

THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Certificates for 40 shares of the above Company No. 148438-77 standing in the name of Mr. Diwan Lalchand Hasamal have been lost or mislaid. Any claim in respect of these shares should be notified to the registered office of the Company, Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, within 8 days from hereof, otherwise duplicates will be issued to the above named.

NAROTTAM MORARJI & CO.,
Agents.
Bombay, 27-2-47. 2288

NOTICE

THE SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Certificates for 50 shares No. 322836-45, 384884-91, 437848-52, 203068, 203076, 19559-60, 151392-98, 173441-43, 212688-92 and 338125-32 standing in the name of Chhotalal Popatlal Bhimani have been lost or mislaid. Any claim in respect of these shares should be notified to the registered office of the Company, Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, within 8 days from hereof, otherwise duplicate certificates will be issued to the abovenamed.

NAROTTAM MORARJEE & CO.,
Agents.
Bombay, 27-2-47. 2287

THE CROWN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of the Policy No. 209.877 on the life of Mr. Jayantilal Mohanlal Shah, a Duplicate Policy will be issued unless objection is lodged within one month from this date.

Date: 24-2-1947.

T. W. BROUGH,
Manager for India and Ceylon.
Fazalbhoy Building,
Esplanade Road,
Fort, Bombay. (2293)

NOTICE.

WANTED STENOGRAPHERS on pay of Rs. 110|- per mensem (Rs. 110-5-180 E.B.-5-220) plus Temporary Additional Pay at Rs. 10|- per mensem and Dearness Allowance at sanctioned scale for Poona. Applicants must be natives of the Bombay Province and should apply with copies of testimonials of age, educational qualifications and good moral character (originals to be produced on demand) to the Deputy Inspector General of Police, C.I.D., Bombay Province, Poona, so as to reach him not later than 15th March, 1947. (2289)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

G.I.P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for Reconditioning of Scrap Lead Battery with Dust. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipsy Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay No 12, at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 20-3-1947 at 3 p.m. (S.T.)

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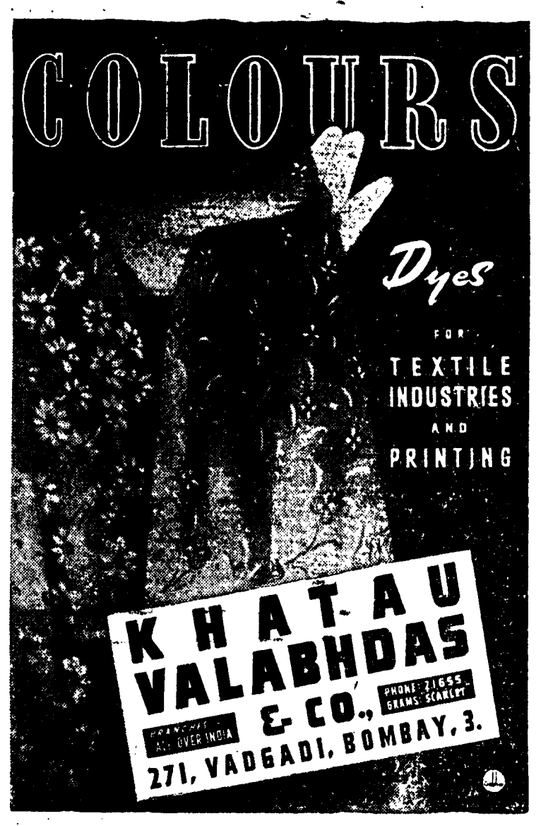
AUCTION SALES

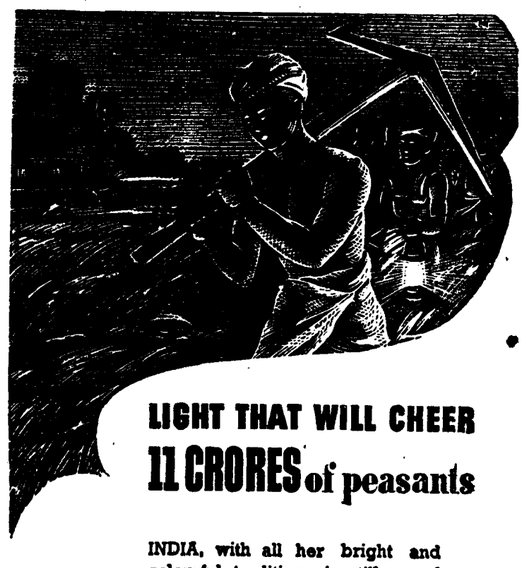
AUCTION SALE.

By Messrs. MANGATRAM BROTHERS
OF

THEIR CHEVROLET, Ford, Leyland, Thornycrofts and other makes Trucks on the 9th day of March, 1947, at the hour of 10 O'clock in the morning at the premises of Messrs. Mangatram Bros. Garrage No. 2, Wadi Bunder. Particulars and other conditions of sale can be had on application from Messrs. Mangatram Bros. at Wadi Bunder, Bombay—9.

Dated this 26th day of February, 1947.

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